

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 846

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Measure Description:

Establishes task force to study essential indigenous anadromous salmonid habitat and its relationship to ditches and other man-made water conveyance channels.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of State Lands, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 846 establishes a nine-member task force to study indigenous anadromous salmonid habitat and its relationship to ditches and other man-made water conveyance channels. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim committee of the legislature by September 15, 2016. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

Department of State Lands (DSL)

The bill requires the DSL serve as a non-voting ex officio member, as well as to provide staff support to the task force, and to reimburse the members of the task force for travel and other expenses out of funds appropriated to DSL for purposes of the task force. However, the bill does not appropriate additional funds to DSL which would seem to suggest that expenses for reimbursement and staff support are intended to come from the DSL Legislatively Approved Budget, which does not contemplate expenditures specifically for this purpose.

The bill allows the task force to meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair or a majority of the voting members. The fiscal impact of this bill on DSL is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the task force, as well as the number of meetings, and geographic location of task force members. At a minimum, DSL projects the cost of reimbursements, administrative and technical staff time, meeting preparations, and report writing could amount to \$92,181 in additional expenditures.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ODFW

The fiscal impact of this bill to ODFW is minimal. The bill requires ODFW to appoint a representative from the agency. ODFW anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force