

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 4125 - 4

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to analyze ground water contaminant data and provide education in areas with ground water contaminant problems.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting House Bill 4125 with the - 4 amendment from the House Committee on Energy and Environment to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 4125 with the -4 amendment appropriates \$15,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for the 2015-17 biennium, and authorizes OHA to make grants and loans to:

- Rental property owners and low-income property owners for the purpose of installing treatment systems to ensure safe ground water.
- Public health authorities, nonprofit organizations, soil and water conservation districts and the Oregon State University Extension Service to conduct free or low-cost tests of wells, and to deliver ground water contamination education.

The bill authorizes OHA to use appropriated funds for the administration of these grants and loans.

The bill also requires OHA to:

- Identify areas with ground water contaminant problems.
- Provide ground water contaminant education in areas affected by ground water contaminant problems.
- Provide ground water test results to the Department of Environmental Quality.
- Notify local public health about the need for ground water contaminant education.
- Adopt by rule a form that landlords will use to provide certain results of well drinking water, and a handout to provide certain information on well water testing and contaminants.

These mandates are anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Environmental Quality.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required