

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 1523 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Office of Emergency Management to develop and administer grant program for purpose of installing connectors at certain fuel storage facilities that are compatible with generators used by emergency response personnel.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department, Oregon State Police (OSP)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

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:

The measure establishes the Fuel Storage Facility Compatibility Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, and credits interest earned back to the fund. The fund is to consist of monies deposited from any source and is continuously appropriated to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The purpose of the fund is to provide a grant program for the installation of generator connectors on fuel sources at cardlock facilities in Oregon.

OEM is to establish application criteria and standards for qualification. The grants may not exceed \$4,000 per cardlock facility and the total amount of grants issued may not exceed \$100,000. The measure sunsets June 30, 2022, with any unobligated monies left in the fund to be deposited into the General Fund.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The measure identifies several possible sources, but the amount of actual available funds for the grant program is unknown. OEM anticipates utilizing existing staff to establish rules for the program and wait until a source and amount of funds are determined before implementing the program. The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the demand for individual grants to be awarded is indeterminate and that excessive demand may require additional staff to administer the program. OEM may need to return to the Legislature for additional resources or Other Funds limitation.

There is no fiscal to the State Fire Marshal as a result of this measure as the measures requirements are consistent with their normal duties.