

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3421 - 1

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Measure Description:

Requires Water Resources Department to maintain registry of historic-use reservoirs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Water Resources Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

HB 3421-1 directs the Water Resources Department (WRD) to maintain a registry of historic-use reservoirs, and defines “historic-use reservoir.” Additionally, the bill requires WRD to ensure, through information supplied by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), that the reservoir does not have a significant detrimental impact on existing fishery resources or can be modified to not have a significant detrimental impact on existing fishery resources. The bill allows WRD to charge an application processing fee, not to exceed the amount established in statute.

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate. ODFW has indicated that, depending on the number of reservoirs eligible to be classified as a historic-use reservoir, the bill may pose a fiscal impact to the Department, as ODFW would be required to review each application to determine whether it poses a detrimental impact to existing fishery resources.

The bill is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact to WRD. WRD does not anticipate a significant influx of applications and has indicated that the processing of those applications can be absorbed within existing agency resources. Any fee revenue associated with the bill is anticipated to be minimal.