

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2535

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Measure Description:

Requires State Department of Agriculture to conduct four-year pilot program for replacing noxious weeds that supply pollen and nectar to pollinating insects with noninvasive forage plants offering similar benefit for pollinating insects.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund	\$260,014	\$267,000
Total Funds	\$260,014	\$267,000
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.50	0.50

Analysis:

HB 2535 requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Oregon State University Extension Service, to conduct a four-year pilot program to evaluate options, methods, and costs to replace noxious weeks with noninvasive forage plants.

The Department has indicated that the work associated with the bill would require the addition of 1 position (0.50 FTE), classified as a Natural Resource Specialist 4, to oversee the project's implementation and to assist with existing operations. Total personal services costs are estimated at \$94,530 for the 2017-19 biennium, and \$100,533 for the 2019-21 biennium.

Additionally, contracted resources would be required to assist with survey work and is estimated at \$50,000 for both the 2017-19 and 2019-21 biennium. The cost of plant starts is also estimated at \$50,000 per biennium.