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Measure: HB 2404 - A

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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:

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

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Energy and Environment to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 2404 appropriates \$15,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The bill establishes the Safe Ground Water Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in fund to OHA for purpose of making grants and loans. The bill requires OHA to analyze ground water contaminant data and provide education in areas with likely ground water contaminant problems. The bill authorizes OHA to make grants and loans for purpose of assisting rental property owners and low-income property owners with installation of treatment systems. In addition, the bill allows OHA to make grants to local public health authorities and other specified entities for purposes related to ensuring safe ground water. For each dwelling unit rented by landlord for which the source of drinking water is a well, the bill requires a landlord to collect and test samples of drinking water in accordance with rules adopted by OHA.

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Environmental Quality. The amount of this impact is still being determined. 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

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