

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2729**

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**Measure Description:**

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for purposes related to programs for grants from Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$9,988,652	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$9,988,652</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Positions	3	
FTE	2.50	

**Analysis:**

The legislation makes a \$738,652 General Fund (GF) appropriation in the 2019-21 biennium to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for the purpose of hiring staff and contracting for services associated with the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program. An additional appropriation of \$9.25 million GF is provided to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund, for administration costs and to provide grants to aid in working land succession planning, and funds either directly or through contracted organizations: conservation management plans, working land conservation covenants or working land conservation easements.

OWEB anticipates utilizing the \$738,652 GF appropriation to hire three limited duration positions an Operations an Policy Analyst 4 (1.00 FTE) to coordinate the Program, a Natural Resource Specialist 4 (1.00FTE) to oversee grant administration, and an Office Specialist 2 (0.50 FTE) to provide clerical support. The appropriation will also fund contracted professional services costs, Attorney General charges, and other expenses associated with supporting the Agricultural Heritage Commission. The \$9.25 GF appropriation is anticipated to fund all remaining non-administrative expenses for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program, including grants.