

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 883**80th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2019 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*Prepared by: Krista Dauenhauer
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Date: 5/16/2019**Measure Description:**

Changes definition of "enforcing agency" from city or county dog licensing agency or other designated agency to State Veterinarian for purposes of regulating animal rescue entities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Cities, Counties

Summary of Revenue Impact:

Agency -- Fund Type	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
Department of Agriculture -- Other Funds	\$131,400	\$262,800

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency -- Fund Type	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
Department of Agriculture -- General Fund	\$316,133	\$--
Department of Agriculture -- Other Funds	\$114,168	\$248,334
Total Funds	\$430,301	\$248,334

Positions/FTE	2/1.50	1/1.00
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Analysis:

The legislation removes cities and counties as the enforcing agency for animal rescue facilities and transitions the responsibilities to the State Veterinarian, within the Department of Agriculture (ODA). The measure allows ODA to charge a fee and issue annual licenses to support the agency's costs to inspect and enforce the rescue facilities, and grants ODA authority to revoke licensure, impound animals, and charge civil penalties that can be used for program operations. ODA reports that there are currently 225 animal rescue facilities in Oregon.

To establish the program, the Department estimates the need for two Natural Resource Specialist 3 positions (1.50 FTE). One of the positions is limited duration to assist with program setup, and the second is a permanent position that will implement the program and enforcement. ODA notes that they will do an initial review of all facility information and conduct a site visit but will not be doing annual site inspections. Enforcement will be conducted on a complaint basis. Additional costs include one-time expenditures for rulemaking, development of a database to track inspections and licensee information, and a vehicle for travel. Total estimated costs in 2019-21 are \$430,301. ODA assumes the need for a one-time General Fund appropriation until fee revenue is sufficient to begin funding program operations, totaling \$316,133.

ODA will establish an annual license fee by rule to fund the program. ODA assumes an initial annual fee of \$584 for the 2020 calendar year, which would generate \$131,400 Other Funds in 2019-21 and \$262,800 per biennium thereafter, but the Department may need to reevaluate the fee for the 2021-23 biennium. According to ODA, these facilities are not currently licensed by counties, so this would be a completely new fee.