

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4166 - A4

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Oregon Department of Administrative Services to contract for independent economist to perform work related to wildfire protection and wildfire suppression cost and funding source information for lands protected by State Forestry Department.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Legislative Revenue Office (LRO), Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact - Department of Administrative Services (DAS):

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Professional Services	250,000	-
Total Funds	\$250,000	-

Analysis:

HB 4166 appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to enter into a contract for an independent economist to collect data and other information regarding the actual costs and the source of moneys used to pay the costs of wildfire protection and wildfire suppression on lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). This economist is required to work in collaboration with a project team or technical advisory group. DAS will provide administrative coordination for this project team to be appointed by the presiding officers of the Legislature. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), the Legislative Revenue Office (LRO), the Emergency Fire Cost Committee, and ODF are required to have a representative on the project team. The economist and the project team must report to the Governor’s Council on Wildfire Response and to the Legislature by March 1, 2021.

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Based on past contracts of similar scope, the Legislative Fiscal Office estimates the cost of contracting with an economist to be \$250,000 General Fund.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), the Legislative Revenue Office (LRO),

The fiscal impact of this bill to ODF, LFO, LRO is anticipated to minimal. This fiscal assumes these entities will use existing staff and resources to participate on the project team, and that ODF will reprioritize duties and resources to provide the economist and project team with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.