

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2479 - 1

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Modifies definition of "global warming" to include certain aerosol air contaminants, including black carbon.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$80,000	\$0
Total Funds	\$80,000	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

HB 2479 - 1 requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish and maintain an estimate of human-caused black carbon emissions in Oregon, and to estimate the net impact of human-caused black carbon sources on climate change. DEQ is directed to provide the estimates in a report to the Environmental Quality Commission and to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later than September 15, 2022. The report must include recommendations for strategies to mitigate black carbon emissions and may include recommendations for legislation.

DEQ would contract with an external vendor to perform certain tasks related to this report, including stakeholder engagement, a literature review, and development of the report, specifically related to the information on mitigation strategies. The total cost of this contract is estimated at \$80,000 General Fund. DEQ would perform other parts of this work in-house, including the inventory of black carbon emissions, which can be accomplished using existing datasets and current staff resources.

This measure warrants referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact.