

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2851 - 2

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Measure Description:

Appropriates funds for various emergency management activities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department (OMD), Water Resources Department (WRD), Oregon State Police (OSP)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure requires budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

House Bill 2851 with the -2 amendment appropriates General Fund to the Office of the State Fire Marshal for the Oregon Safety Assessment Program (OrSAP), to the Water Resources Department (WRD) to distribute to the Nesika Beach Ophir Water District for fire protection infrastructure, to the Office of the State Fire Marshal to study and develop recommendations regarding rural fire protection districts ability to facilitate community development efforts following a natural disaster, and to the Oregon Military Department (OMD) Office of Emergency Management for additional positions. OrSAP is a statewide program to evaluate the condition of buildings after an emergency; the program was created but not capitalized during the 2019 session in HB 2206.

The measure specifically appropriates \$300,000 to the State Fire Marshal for the OrSAP program, \$250,000 to Water Resources Department for distribution to Nesika Beach Ophir Water District, \$25,000 to State Fire Marshal for the study, and finally \$2,126,040 to fund ten full time positions in the Office of Emergency Management within the Oregon Military Department. The measure is effective on passage.

The Oregon State Police (OSP) Office of State Fire Marshal will have a fiscal impact from this measure. OSP believes the State Fire Marshal's Office will need two permanent positions to fulfill the requirements of this measure: one permanent, full-time Administrative Specialist 2 and one permanent, full-time Program Analyst 3 to provide statewide training. OSP also believes it would need one vehicle for the OrSAP program employees. The State Fire Marshal also anticipates hiring a consultant to study and make recommendations regarding ways to improve rural fire districts use of assets to facilitate community development efforts following a natural disaster.

WRD believes it would need to enter into a contract and administer the contract for the release of the funds to the Nesika Beach Ophir Water District, but that it could absorb that work within existing resources.

The Oregon Military Department would have a fiscal impact of \$2,126,040 to fund ten Policy Analyst 3 positions in the Office of Emergency Management. OMD has priced these positions for 24 months of impact in both the 2021-23 and 2023-25 biennium, though they may not be reasonably able to hire these positions on the first day of the biennium.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.