

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 21

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Measure Description:

Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to develop and adopt by rule invasive grass pilot program in Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

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
Other Funds	264,355	
Total Funds	\$264,355	\$0
Positions		
FTE		

Analysis: This measure directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to develop and adopt, by rule, an invasive grass pilot program in the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife area to increase habitat quality and forage for mule deer and livestock; increase site resistance to annual grass invasion; and increase the understanding of soil dynamics. In addition, ODFW is directed to report on pilot program implementation to the legislature.

The research program is beyond the scope of ODFW’s operations and they would need to contract with an outside entity to conduct the work, which ODFW assumes to be Oregon State University. The Other Funds identified by ODFW are from licensing fee revenue and a one-time General Fund appropriation may be more appropriate for this activity.

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