

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1501 - 1

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Measure Description:

Directs State Board of Forestry to adopt single rule package on or before November 30, 2022, to implement Private Forest Accord Report.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Commission on Indian Services (CIS), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Counties, Department of Forestry (ODF), Department of State Lands (DSL), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Secretary of State (SOS), Columbia River Gorge Commission (CRGC), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Justice (DOJ), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Water Resources Department (WRD), Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Cities, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Office of the Governor, Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Special Districts

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

This measure implements the Private Forest Accord. The measure directs the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to enact a single rulemaking package consistent with the requirements outlined in the Private Forest Accord Report. This measure includes numerous changes to the existing Forest Practices Act.

This measure directs ODF to adopt by rule a Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat Program to provide grants to small forestland owners. This measure establishes the Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat Program Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, and continuously appropriated to the State Forestry Department to be distributed by the newly formed Small Forestland Owner Assistance Office.

The measure also establishes the Private Forest Accord Grant Program. The measure establishes the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Subaccount within the existing Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, with funds to be used for outreach to help improve riparian areas. The measure outlines reporting requirements for moneys in the subaccount.

This measure contains a blank General Fund appropriation.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the rulemaking procedures described in this measure are not pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. This measure exempts ODF from state procurement regulations for work related to landslide modeling, which has an unknown fiscal impact. Additionally, the Private Forest Accord Report governs sections of this bill and has not yet formally been released; that there may be changes to the fiscal impacts noted below once the report is published.

Estimated costs and position needs related to this measure are included below. All numbers are agency-reported and have not been evaluated by the Legislative Fiscal Office.

Oregon Department of Forestry

- 2021-23: \$15.12 million General Fund, \$1.02 million Other Funds, 58 positions (20.96 FTE)
- 2023-25: \$22.04 million General Fund, \$1.35 million Other Funds, 58 positions (54.50 FTE)
- Please note that ODF has included positions in this fiscal that will also perform work related to SB 1502

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

- 2021-23: \$1.62 million General Fund, \$64,907 Other Funds, 15 positions (7.25 FTE)
- 2023-25: \$2.86 million General Fund, \$134,476 Other Funds, 13 positions (13.00 FTE)

Department of Environmental Quality

- 2021-23: \$352,217 General Fund, two positions (1.25 FTE)
- 2023-25: \$559,075 General Fund, two positions (2.00 FTE)

All other agencies report no, minimal, or an indeterminate impact from this measure.

These numbers are preliminary and have not been evaluated by the Legislative Fiscal Office. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required