

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1536 - A

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Measure Description:

Limits restrictions on portable cooling devices in residences by landlords, homeowners’ associations, condominium associations, and local governments.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Cities, Counties

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Housing and Development to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 1536 A-engrossed directs that the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) must post on its website information about the dates, counties affected, and relevant programs landlords can use to provide adequate cooling. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) must provide rebates for the purchase and installation of air-source or ground-source heat pumps to owners of a dwelling unit, manufactured dwelling, or a recreational vehicle. ODOE must provide grants for upgrades, including electrical and mechanical upgrades, to facilitate the installation of heat pumps for owners of a dwelling unit or a manufactured dwelling for whom a rebate has been reserved. The measure establishes the Residential Heat Pump Fund and appropriates \$15 million General Fund to ODOE for deposit into the fund, which sunsets on January 2, 2025. ODOE must provide grants to a nongovernmental entity that administers public purpose charges to enable the nongovernmental entity to assist landlords in creating or operating private community cooling spaces available to tenants during an extreme heat event. The measure appropriates \$1 million General Fund to ODOE to distribute these grants. ODOE must study the cooling and electrical needs of publicly supported housing, manufactured dwelling parks, and recreational vehicle parks. The measure appropriates \$500,000 General Fund to ODOE to conduct this study. ODOE shall report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2023 on the heat pump grants and rebates program, community cooling centers, and the results of the cooling and electrical needs study. The measure expands the Department of Human Services (DHS) grant program for local governments to establish emergency shelters and upgrade public building facilities to include warming and cooling as acceptable uses of grant funds, and it appropriates \$2 million General Fund to DHS. The measure takes effect on passage.

Further Analysis Required

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Housing and Community Services Department, Department of Energy, Department of Human Services, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Judicial Department, Cities, and Counties.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.