

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 852

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Measure Description:

Directs State Department of Energy to establish program to provide assistance related to energy projects and activities to environmental justice communities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Energy

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Department of Energy		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$174,328	\$232,440
Services and Supplies	\$141,046	\$157,875
Total General Fund	\$315,374	\$390,315
Total Fiscal Impact	\$315,374	\$390,315
<i>Total Positions</i>	1	1
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.75	1.00

Analysis:

SB 852 directs the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to establish a program to provide assistance related to energy projects and activities to environmental justice communities. The Department must provide, at a minimum, information regarding funding resources, technical assistance, and other support that may be available. This measure takes effect January 1, 2024.

To do this work, ODOE would hire one permanent, full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (0.75 FTE in 2023-25, 1.00 FTE in 2025-27). Total position costs are estimated at \$174,328 in Personal Services and \$9,695 in Services and Supplies in the 2023-25 biennium, and \$232,440 in Personal Services and \$8,926 in Services and Supplies in the 2025-27 biennium. This position would serve as a community navigator who would provide outreach to environmental justice communities and connect local governments, tribal governments, and community-based organizations with these communities and the technical and financial energy resources needed.

Additional Services and Supplies costs for the agency include a total of \$131,351 in the 2023-25 biennium and \$148,949 in the 2025-27 biennium for indirect costs and contracting with community-based organizations to reach impacted communities. Indirect costs are equivalent to 49.73% of personal services costs. This rate is negotiated biennially with federal partner agencies and costs included here reflect the indirect rate for the 2021-23 biennium, not the rate for the 2023-25 biennium. Costs of this measure could change based on the agency’s actual indirect rate for next biennium.

Funding for this work is also included in the 2023-25 Governor's Budget in Policy Option Package 452. The Policy Option Package assumes a start date for the position of July 1, 2023, so costs included in this fiscal and in the Governor's Budget do not align. This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of the impact on the state's General Fund.