

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2835 - 1

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Measure Description:

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish pilot program to award grants for recreational fishing facilities within urban growth boundary.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife

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 Fish and Wildlife		
General Fund		
Special Payments	\$5,000,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$5,000,000	\$0
<i>Total Positions</i>	0	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.00	0.00
<i>*Represents General Fund expended as Other Funds</i>		

Analysis:

HB 2835 - 1 directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), in consultation with the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee, to establish a pilot program to provide grants to cities, counties or nonprofit organizations for projects to establish or improve public facilities for recreational fishing inside an urban growth boundary. Grants are to be paid out of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund; the measure appropriates \$5 million General Fund to ODFW for deposit in the fund, for the purpose of awarding grants. Grants awarded may include matching funds for large donations to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund that are restricted to a pilot program project; and the amount of funds matched to a large restricted donation under the pilot program may exceed the amount of matching funds committed to other projects funded by the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. The measure takes effect January 1, 2024, and the program sunsets January 2, 2027.

ODFW anticipates that there would be minimal fiscal impact to implement the new grant program, with existing staff using some of their time for this program. The agency notes that there is overlap between this program and the existing ODFW Restoration and Enhancement grant program which also focuses on increasing recreational fishing opportunities.

ODFW will need Other Funds expenditure limitation to disburse grant funding. The table above does not show Other Funds expenditure limitation as the Other Funds expenditure limitation needed will be based on the demand for grants, the number of grants awarded, and the size of the grants awarded, all of which are factors that are indeterminate at this time. Currently, ODFW receives between six and ten urban fishing related grant

applications per year, of the approximately 140 grant applications for Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund funding reviewed with the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Advisory Committee, and grant awards usually range from between \$10,000 to \$50,000. ODFW notes that grant demand under this program will vary based on rulemaking, which will establish which urban areas this grant program will apply to, what type of projects are eligible, and the size of the grants awarded.