

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 931 - 3

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Permits Department of Environmental Quality to issue a permit to repair or replace a sub-surface sewage disposal system or alternative sewage disposal system without regard to the availability of a community or areawide sewerage system under certain circumstances.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Environmental Quality

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 Environmental Quality		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$203,384	\$0
Services and Supplies	\$33,688	\$0
Total General Fund	\$237,072	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$237,072	\$0
<i>Total Positions</i>	1	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.88	0.00

Analysis:

SB 931 - 3 directs the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules to determine whether a community or area-wide sewerage system will satisfactorily accommodate a proposed sewage discharge. Rules must require consideration of the legal availability and physical availability of a sewerage system; the scope and magnitude of the proposed repairs to an existing subsurface sewage disposal system or alternative sewage disposal system; the cost of repairs to an existing system compared to the cost of connecting to a sewerage system; statewide planning goals; and environmental and public health concerns associated with the proximity of seepage pits, cesspools or drain fields to wells or water. This is operative January 1, 2024.

This measure also permits the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), until January 2, 2025, to issue a permit to repair or replace a sub-surface sewage disposal system or alternative sewage disposal system without regard to the availability of a community or areawide sewerage system under certain circumstances. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the legislature adjourns sine die.

DEQ would hire one limited duration, full time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (0.88 FTE) to assist with the rulemaking required under this measure, and provide training and technical assistance to county staff and other stakeholders, at a cost of \$237,072 General Fund. There is anticipated to be minimal impact related to the provisions allowing DEQ to temporarily permit repair or replacement or sewage systems without consideration of community or areawide sewerage systems.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact.