

PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oregon Public Health Division will take the following budget reductions:

\$2.1 million General Fund reduction - Public Health will reduce administrative costs by holding positions vacant, managing expenditures, and utilizing lean management techniques to increase efficiencies and reduce costs. In addition, 11 vacant positions were eliminated from Public Health.

\$1.8 million total funds reduction to the Drinking Water Program budget, which will mean the following reductions:

- Elimination of oversight and testing for 900 very small water systems (defined as fewer than 15 connections) across the state; these systems will now be without oversight.
- Greatly reduced consultation and technical assistance about how to meet national standards for drinking water quality for approximately 2,600 smaller water systems. These systems have depended on help from the state program in the past, but will have to maintain compliance with federal regulations without this assistance.
- Greatly reduced capacity for coordination with other agencies that will be enacting policies affecting the quality of drinking water without input from public health experts
- Elimination of planning and exercising for emergencies affecting drinking water systems.