

Fiscal Impact Statement

Fiscal and Economic Impacts

In the State of Oregon, exempt uses are those uses that do not require a water right permit or certificate. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 340 governs exempt uses, and related definitions are in OAR Chapter 690, Division 300. The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) is amending the rules relating to exempt uses. The proposed rules will (1) implement and clarify the statutory changes, (2) clarify groundwater exemption for domestic purposes, (3) clarify beneficial use without waste applies to exempt uses, and (4) complete administrative clean up and incorporate current policies in rule. There is no known economic impact associated with the proposed changes to OAR 690-340 and 300. The changes align rule to statute or incorporate existing policy into rule and are not expected to add any new compliance requirements.

Cost of Compliance:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s).

Because the proposed changes to OAR 690-340-0010 and OAR 690-300-0010 add no new requirements, no state agencies, local governments, or members of the public are expected to be economically affected as drafted.

(2)(a) Effect on Small Businesses: Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s);

Exempt uses do not require a permit or a certificated water right and therefore are not expected create economic impacts on small businesses. Furthermore, the proposed changes to OAR 690-340-0010 and OAR 690-300-0010 do not add new compliance requirements as drafted.

(2)(b) Effect on Small Businesses: Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping, and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s);

No additional reporting, recordkeeping, or administrative requirements are needed to comply with the proposed rule changes.

(2)(c) Effect on Small Businesses: Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor, and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

There are no additional anticipated costs related to complying with the proposed rules for professional services, equipment, supplies, labor, or increased administrative costs.