

IMPACT STATEMENT

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Legislation title: *Authorize an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for Portland Harbor Fish Consumption Advisory Outreach Program. (Ordinance).

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize BES to enter into an intergovernmental cooperative agreement with the State of Oregon and the Port of Portland to fund the Multnomah County Health Department to develop and implement a Portland Harbor fish consumption advisory outreach program.

In January 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. Fish advisories have been identified as an essential component of the cleanup to protect public health. This cooperative agreement provides resources for local health authorities to create an education and outreach program to inform the public of fish consumption advisories in particular those communities that are most at risk.

Key components of this program will include one full time health educator, a grant program to work with community partners, educational materials and translation services. These funds have been dedicated for two years to develop the outreach program and allow EPA time to establish a long-term institutional control plan.

This partnership also facilitates increased coordination among the several public agencies involved to ensure clear and consistent information to the public on fish advisories in the Portland Harbor.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The estimated total budget for this work is approximately \$345,000. The cost of the work will be split evenly between the City, State of Oregon, and Port of Portland. The City's share is not expected exceed \$115,000 over two years. If project costs exceed the estimated budget, City, State of Oregon, and Port of Portland will jointly amend the agreement to reflect the new budget and continue to share costs evenly.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Through current public outreach efforts for the superfund cleanup, the City has been told that fish advisories at the superfund site are not effective. In several recent forums including a public comment period, the community round table, and meetings with impacted communities, feedback has been clear; a more robust education and outreach effort is needed to help the public understand the risk of consuming fish within the superfund site. The purpose of this intergovernmental cooperative agreement is to address the community's concerns by creating a fish consumption outreach program that will work directly with communities, in particular those most impacted, to ensure health risks associated with eating fish from the superfund site are clearly understood.

This program will be designed and implemented in close partnership with community partners to ensure that outreach efforts are effective, culturally relevant and consider environmental justice concerns. In addition to community partners, Multnomah County's Health Department will work

closely with Oregon Health Authority and the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure clear and consistent messaging to the public.

100% Renewable Goal: Not Applicable

If applicable, discuss how this action contributes to the City’s goal of meeting 100 percent of community-wide energy needs with renewable energy by 2050.

- Does this action increase or decrease the City’s total energy use?
- Does this action increase or decrease the City’s renewable energy use?

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
- ☒ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount