

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Revise Sewer and Stormwater Rates, Charges and Fees in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Sewer User Rate Study (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The ordinance establishes rates, charges and fees to generate revenue for FY 2018-2019. The financial impact to single family residential ratepayers is expected to be an increase of \$1.69 in the average monthly bill. The proposed rate ordinance will enable the Bureau to continue collecting and treating wastewater from residences and businesses; managing stormwater to prevent erosion, flooding, and water quality problems; operating the combined sewer overflow (CSO) system to prevent sewage overflows into the Willamette River and Columbia Slough; and repairing and replacing failing public sewer lines that cause sewage overflows and basement backups.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This rate ordinance will generate approximately \$390 million in revenue to support the Mayor's Proposed budget for the Bureau of Environmental Services for FY 2018-2019. Approximately \$345 million of this estimate is from billed retail revenues for sanitary, stormwater and Superfund services.

The rate ordinance does not create costs or expenses to the City.

This legislation does not specifically create or eliminate positions in future years. Future position decisions will be made by the Council within the annual budget process.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Portland Utility Board (PUB) began meeting on September 1, 2015 and has held public meetings at least monthly thereafter. Among the PUB's responsibilities is acting as the bureau's Budget Advisory Committee, reviewing the bureau's operating and capital programs and budgets, the proposed FY 2018-2019 budget request, and the financial impact to ratepayers of the proposed budget. Additionally, the bureau has received input throughout the budget and ratemaking process from the Citizens' Utility Board. Should this rate ordinance pass, the average single-family residential monthly bill for sewer and stormwater, for example, will increase by \$1.69 or 2.35%.

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