**Legislation title:** Authorize a three-year Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon State University to partner on projects and programs related to wastewater, stormwater, and watershed health not to exceed \$450,000 (Ordinance)

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## Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and Oregon State University (OSU) have collaborated in the past to support BES's wastewater, stormwater, and watershed health work. Previous work has needed individual agreements to move forward, which can sometimes delay completion. BES desires a quicker process so that more urgent needs can be accommodated and to facilitate the partnership. A few recent past collaborative projects include:

- Assistance with processing and analyzing data for Portland's watersheds in 2014
- Testing and sequencing of COVID-19 in wastewater in 2020 and 2021 (in collaboration with Clean Water Services)
- Pump station energy efficiency calculation assistance in 2021

### Financial and budgetary impacts:

The total cost of the Agreement will not exceed \$450,000 and allows for the Bureau to fund certain projects during that time. Funds will be requested in the FY 2022-23 and future budgets. The costs for each year will fluctuate; however, the total costs for the Agreement should not exceed \$450,000.

Task Orders will be issued based on the available annual funding and the Bureau's priorities.

#### Community impacts and community involvement:

This Agreement provides vital community benefit by building a partnership with a key state stakeholder and helping to develop research and learning around environmental issues. In addition, activities accomplished under this agreement, which is between two public-serving organizations, will grow the capacity of both OSU and BES to more equitably serve the community.

Because of the variety of the anticipated work to be done under this Agreement, specific community impacts and involvement will be examined for each individual task order.

#### 100% Renewable Goal:

Not applicable

## **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

# Does this action change appropriations?

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