

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Portland Watershed Report Cards
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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The Portland Watershed Report Cards were developed to address an element of the Portland Watershed Management Plan work plan which required the preparation of a simple, clear way to communicate the health of Portland's watersheds.

We expect that the Report Cards for each of Portland's watersheds will better inform Portlanders, policy makers, and Commissioners why investments in watershed health are important, and how to select the best, most cost effective actions to achieve our goals.

Financial and budgetary impacts: Not applicable.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Since 2010, when Report Card development began, BES has engaged representatives of most sectors of the community to promote discussion of, and receive feedback on, the relevance and value of an index system (the underpinning of the Report Card) to best communicate the health of our watersheds and allow evaluation of city work to promote watershed health. Our current Report Cards represent four years of data and is what we are using to establish a baseline of watershed health. Now that we have watershed health grades available, we are continuing to engage in discussions with a wide range of stakeholders to determine how we can improve the utility of this tool. No significant objections to this work have been received, however continued, valuable feedback will allow us to enhance the applicability and function of the Report Card tool.

At this time we expect to receive Council testimony from:

- Judy Bluehorse Skelton, Senior Instructor II, Indigenous Nations Studies, Portland State University
- Robin Jenkinson, Watershed Science Director, Johnson Creek Watershed Council
- Dr. James F. Pankow, member of the National Academy of Engineering, Professor of Chemistry and Civil & Environmental Engineering, Portland State University
- Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director, Portland Audubon
- Mike Houck, Executive Director, Urban Greenspaces Institute
- Marianne Fitzgerald, Past President, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.
- Sallie Edmonds, Supervising Planner, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

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