

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** \*Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County for \$60,000 to provide funding for an Air Quality Feasibility Study (Ordinance)

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### **Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:**

- Due to current gaps in the federal and state regulatory framework, there are community concerns about elevated exposures to air toxics (industrial stationary sources, diesel and wood smoke particulate matter) in the Portland metropolitan area. To respond to these community concerns, an Air Quality Feasibility Study was designed to perform an in-depth assessment of strategies actionable by local government to reduce air pollution.
- The ordinance would authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County to provide funding for the Air Quality Feasibility Study. The other half of the study's funding is provided by Multnomah County.
- The Air Quality Feasibility Study will assess the scope of authority, effectiveness, logistics of multiple strategies that local government may use to reduce or prevent air toxics emissions from industrial stationary sources, diesel and wood smoke particulate matter. Establishing a local air quality control agency is one of the strategies assessed.
- The Air Quality Feasibility Study complements on-going City of Portland air quality related work on low-cost air quality sensors (Ordinance 187957 and Ordinance 188326) helping to understand how improved measurements can be used in mitigation strategies and how technology can support the need for more air quality data expressed by regional stakeholders.
- By investigating actionable strategies to address unevenly distributed urban air pollution, the Air Quality Feasibility Study also supports the policy objective to avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionate adverse environmental effects in the City of Portland's the City of Portland Civil Rights Title VI Plan and the Portland Comprehensive Plan 2035 Policy 2.5 on environmental justice to eliminate burdens.
- Improved understanding of the strategies City of Portland can implement to improve air quality and health by addressing a variety of pollutants also support air quality related Portland Comprehensive Plan Policies 4.36, 4.37 and 7.5.

### **Financial and budgetary impacts:**

- This ordinance will result in a new IGA with Multnomah County for a total of \$60,000 from Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's budget, Cost Object 9PNEG0000001.

### **Community impacts and community involvement:**

- The work facilitated by this intergovernmental agreement will identify and support the future development of strategies actionable by the City of Portland and other local

governments to help reduce or prevent air pollution from industrial stationary sources, diesel, and wood smoke particulate matter.

- Improved understanding about feasible air pollution mitigation and prevention strategies is needed to build a healthy, equitable Portland and better serve communities with environmental justice concerns regarding air pollution sources.

**100% Renewable Goal:**

- This action does not directly increase or decrease the City's total energy use and renewable energy use.

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

**Does this action change appropriations?**

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☒ **NO:** Skip this section

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