

# Senate Bill 756

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN, Representatives GOMBERG, MCKEOWN, MCLANE; Representatives HELM, MITCHELL, POWER, WITT

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Appropriates moneys to Department of Environmental Quality to award grant under ORS 454.779 and cover administrative costs necessary to implement ORS 454.779.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to on-site septic system financing; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas in 2016 the Legislative Assembly adopted ORS 454.779, which directs the Department  
4 of Environmental Quality to award grants for developing and administering loan programs to pro-  
5 vide low-interest loans for the repair, replacement, upgrade or evaluation of residential or small  
6 business on-site septic systems; and

7       Whereas since 2016, the Clean Water Loan program funded by a grant from the department  
8 under ORS 454.779 has served over 100 families, financing projects that are now treating an esti-  
9 mated total of 13 million gallons of wastewater annually; and

10       Whereas nearly 40 percent of families that have been served by the Clean Water Loan program  
11 have a family income that is under 80 percent of the county's area median income; and

12       Whereas demand remains high for low-interest loans for the repair, replacement, upgrade or  
13 evaluation of residential or small business on-site septic systems; and

14       Whereas the department estimates that over 3,000 septic systems fail each year; now, therefore,

15 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

16       **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
17 **ated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019,**  
18 **out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000 for the purposes of:**

19       **(1) Not later than September 1, 2019, awarding a grant under ORS 454.779 in an amount**  
20 **of not less than \$1,950,000; and**

21       **(2) Covering administrative costs necessary to implement ORS 454.779.**

22       **SECTION 2. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
24 **July 1, 2019.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.