

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4101

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “appropriating money;”.

2 In line 3, delete “and fishing industries” and insert “industry”.

3 Delete lines 10 through 13 and insert:

4 “Whereas an increase in agricultural production will result in new jobs and economic activity
5 in Oregon; and

6 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly desires that the Water Resources Department prioritize the
7 development of water supply enhancement to ensure that Oregon realizes benefits from agriculture,
8 to protect Oregon interests regarding aquifers, river flows and water uses and to meet the need for
9 increased agricultural production; now, therefore,”.

10 Delete lines 15 through 22 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:

11 “**SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:**

12 “(1) **It is the policy of this state to enhance the available supply of water in this state**
13 **from Columbia River Basin sources for consumptive and in-stream uses in order to promote**
14 **the economic welfare of the state.**

15 “(2) **Columbia River Basin water supports irrigated agriculture, which is a traded sector**
16 **export industry that generates revenue from outside the state, resulting in substantial eco-**
17 **nomical benefits to residents of this state.**

18 “(3) **An increase in agricultural production will result in new jobs and economic activity**
19 **in this state, but the ability to increase agricultural production is limited by a lack of avail-**
20 **able Columbia River Basin water during the summer irrigation season.**

21 “(4) **During the dry summer months, consumptive and in-stream needs in the Columbia**
22 **River Basin sometimes go unsatisfied.**

23 “(5) **This state must enhance its available water supplies by increasing the storage of**
24 **Columbia River Basin waters outside of the irrigation season for use in meeting consumptive**
25 **and in-stream needs during the dry summer months.**

26 “**SECTION 2. (1) The Water Resources Department shall, in cooperation with other state**
27 **agencies, aggressively pursue the development of new water supplies for consumptive and**
28 **in-stream uses by the storage, conservation and reuse of Columbia River Basin waters, in-**
29 **cluding but not limited to increasing the amount of new water available for agricultural ap-**
30 **propriation within the Columbia River Basin by a minimum of 100,000 acre-feet above 2011**
31 **levels.**

32 “(2) **In carrying out this section, the department and the state agencies cooperating with**
33 **the department shall consider new mitigation options for new surface water diversions.**

34 “**SECTION 3. The Water Resources Department shall:**

35 “(1) **Take all actions necessary and proper to achieve a minimum 100,000 acre-feet in-**

1 **crease in new water available for agricultural appropriation within the Columbia River Basin**
2 **as described in section 2 of this 2012 Act by December 31, 2018.**

3 **“(2) Report annually to the Legislative Assembly regarding progress toward meeting the**
4 **minimum 100,000 acre-feet increase described in subsection (1) of this section. The depart-**
5 **ment shall make the final report under this subsection in the year that the department**
6 **achieves the minimum 100,000 acre-feet increase or 2019, whichever occurs first.**

7 **“SECTION 4. This 2012 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2012 Act takes effect**
9 **on its passage.”.**

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