

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 5 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Beyer, Burley, Cannon, Macpherson, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: Jenson, Smith G.

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Meeting Dates: 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts the use of water for non-emergency fire-fighting training by any entity from the requirements for water use application, permit or certificate in ORS 537.141 (1) (b).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of emergency fire-fighting training exemption
- Oregon Military Department helicopter fire-fighting training

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND: Under ORS 537.141 (1) (b), the use of water for non-emergency fire-fighting training by a public fire department or rural fire protection district does not require a water right application, permit or certificate provided there is written approval from the watermaster in the district where the training will take place or minimum notice is provided to the owners of stored water, if the source is existing storage. The watermaster may condition the use to prevent injury to existing water rights or to protect instream resources. There are a number of other entities who conduct annual fire-fighting training, including the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon Military Department. HB 2100 extends the exemption to these groups provided they comply with the existing watermaster approval or notice requirements.