

House Bill 2187

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SUMMARY

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Authorizes Department of Human Services to impose fee on water suppliers for costs of conducting sanitary surveys.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to fees imposed for periodic sanitary surveys of drinking water systems; amending ORS
3 448.150.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 448.150 is amended to read:

6 448.150. (1) The Department of Human Services shall:

7 (a) Conduct periodic sanitary surveys of drinking water systems and sources, take water samples
8 and inspect records to ensure that the systems are not creating an unreasonable risk to health. The
9 department shall provide written reports of such examinations to the local health administrators and
10 water suppliers. **The department may impose a fee on water suppliers to recover the costs of
11 conducting the periodic sanitary surveys.**

12 (b) Require regular water sampling by water suppliers to determine compliance with water
13 quality standards established by the department. These samples shall be analyzed in a laboratory
14 approved by the department. The results of the laboratory analysis of a sample shall be reported to
15 the department by the water supplier, unless direct laboratory reporting is authorized by the water
16 supplier. The laboratory performing the analysis shall report the validated results of the analysis
17 directly to the department and to the water supplier if the analysis shows that a sample contains
18 contaminant levels in excess of any maximum contaminant level specified in the water quality
19 standards.

20 (c) Investigate any water system that fails to meet the water quality standards established by
21 the department.

22 (d) Require every water supplier that provides drinking water that is from a surface water
23 source to conduct sanitary surveys of the watershed as may be considered necessary by the de-
24 partment for the protection of public health. The water supplier shall make written reports of such
25 sanitary surveys of watersheds promptly to the department and to the local health department.

26 (e) Investigate reports of waterborne disease pursuant to its authority under ORS 431.110 and
27 take necessary actions as provided for in ORS 446.310, 448.030, 448.115 to 448.285, 454.235, 454.255
28 and 455.680 to protect the public health and safety.

29 (f) Notify the Department of Environmental Quality of a potential ground water management
30 area if, as a result of its water sampling under paragraphs (a) to (e) of this subsection, the Depart-
31 ment of Human Services detects the presence in ground water of:

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.

1 (A) Nitrate contaminants at levels greater than 70 percent of the levels established pursuant to
2 ORS 468B.165; or

3 (B) Any other contaminants at levels greater than 50 percent of the levels established pursuant
4 to ORS 468B.165.

5 (2) The notification required under subsection (1)(f) of this section shall identify the substances
6 detected in the ground water and all ground water aquifers that may be affected.

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