

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3203

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 2, insert:

2 “Whereas it is the purpose of this 2007 Act to give the Economic and Community Development  
3 Department and the Water Resources Commission authority to provide grants to public bodies,  
4 tribes and private entities for the purpose of enabling studies related to water conservation, reuse  
5 and storage in order to ensure that a sufficient and sustainable water supply is available to meet  
6 the current and future needs of Oregon’s citizens and economy; and

7 “Whereas to attain the purpose of this 2007 Act, the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage  
8 Investment Fund created by this 2007 Act must be administered in a prudent and fiscally sound  
9 manner; and

10 “Whereas it is also the intent of this 2007 Act that, upon the effective date of this 2007 Act,  
11 grant moneys be available for the purposes of the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Invest-  
12 ment Fund immediately after moneys are deposited into the fund; now, therefore,”.

13 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

14 “**SECTION 1. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from**  
15 **the General Fund, the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Investment Fund. Interest**  
16 **earned by the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Investment Fund shall be credited to**  
17 **the fund. All moneys in the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Investment Fund are**  
18 **continuously appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department to**  
19 **carry out the provisions of this section.**

20 “**(2) The Economic and Community Development Department shall administer the Water**  
21 **Conservation, Reuse and Storage Investment Fund in accordance with a memorandum of**  
22 **understanding between the department and the Water Resources Commission.**

23 “**(3) The Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Investment Fund shall consist of:**

24 “**(a) Moneys appropriated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.**

25 “**(b) Moneys transferred to the fund by the federal government, other state agencies or**  
26 **local governments.**

27 “**(c) Interest earnings of the fund and grant repayments, if any.**

28 “**(4) Moneys in the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Investment Fund shall be**  
29 **used to:**

30 “**(a) Provide grants for project costs to public bodies, as defined in ORS 174.109, Indian**  
31 **tribes, as defined in ORS 391.802, and private entities;**

32 “**(b) Pay the cost of providing direct services, including but not limited to technical**  
33 **planning services, to eligible entities in lieu of grant funds; and**

34 “**(c) Pay direct and indirect costs of the department and the commission in administering**  
35 **the fund.**

1       “(5)(a) Grants awarded under this section:  
2       “(A) May not exceed \$250,000 per project; and  
3       “(B) Must be matched by funding from another source that is no less than a dollar-for-  
4 dollar match of the grant amount.  
5       “(b) The department shall make grants under this section to qualified recipients when  
6 moneys in the Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Investment Fund are available for  
7 distribution.  
8       “(6) As used in this section, ‘project costs’ means the qualifying expenses of a planning  
9 study performed in anticipation of developing a water conservation, reuse or storage site.  
10 The planning study may include, but is not limited to:  
11       “(a) Analyses of hydrological refill capacity;  
12       “(b) Water needs analyses;  
13       “(c) Refined hydrological analyses;  
14       “(d) Engineering and financial feasibility studies;  
15       “(e) Geologic analyses;  
16       “(f) Water exchange studies;  
17       “(g) Analyses of optimum peak, flushing and other ecological flows of the affected stream  
18 and the impact of the water reuse or storage proposal on such flows;  
19       “(h) Comparative analyses of water conservation alternatives such as a new source of  
20 supply in lieu of a water reuse or storage project;  
21       “(i) Cost benefit analyses comparing costs and benefits of water conservation alternatives  
22 and reuse or storage alternatives;  
23       “(j) Analyses of environmental harm or impacts from the project;  
24       “(k) Analyses of public benefits accruing from the project; and  
25       “(L) Fiscal analyses of the project, including estimated project costs, financing for the  
26 project and estimated financial returns from the project.  
27       “(7) The Water Resources Commission shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the pro-  
28 visions of this section, shall prioritize project funding under this section and shall adopt de-  
29 finitions for the terms listed in subsection (6) of this section.  
30       “SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Economic and Community Development De-  
31 partment, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of  
32 \$1 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2007 Act.”.

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