

# House Bill 3203

Sponsored by Representative MORGAN; Representatives CLEM, ROBLAN, Senator NELSON

## 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**.

Directs Water Resources Department, in conjunction with Economic and Community Development Department, to provide grants for specified studies related to water reuse and storage.

Creates Water Reuse and Storage Investment Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Economic and Community Development Department to fund grants. Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds and directs that net proceeds of bonds are to be deposited in fund.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to water storage; and appropriating money.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the**  
5 **General Fund, the Water Reuse and Storage Investment Fund. All moneys in the Water**  
6 **Reuse and Storage Investment Fund are continuously appropriated to the Economic and**  
7 **Community Development Department to carry out the provisions of this section.**

8 **(2) The Economic and Community Development Department shall administer the Water**  
9 **Reuse and Storage Investment Fund in accordance with a memorandum of understanding**  
10 **between the department and the Water Resources Department.**

11 **(3) The Water Reuse and Storage Investment Fund shall consist of:**

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

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

15 **(c) Moneys transferred to the fund as the net proceeds of the lottery bonds described in**  
16 **section 2 of this 2007 Act.**

17 **(4) Moneys in the Water Reuse and Storage Investment Fund shall be used to provide for**  
18 **grants for qualifying planning expenses to public bodies, as defined in ORS 174.109, and pri-**  
19 **ivate entities.**

20 **(5) Grants awarded under this section may not exceed \$250,000 and must be matched by**  
21 **funding from another source.**

22 **(6) As used in this section and section 1 of this 2007 Act, "qualifying planning expenses"**  
23 **means studies performed in anticipation of developing a water reuse or storage site that in-**  
24 **clude:**

25 **(a) Hydrological refill capacity;**

26 **(b) Needs analysis; and**

27 **(c) Refined hydrological analysis.**

28 **(7) The Water Resources Department shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the pro-**  
29 **visions of this section and shall adopt definitions for the terms listed in subsection (6) of this**  
30 **section.**

**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       **SECTION 2.** (1) Pursuant to ORS 286.560 to 286.580, the State Treasurer may issue lottery  
2 bonds to finance grants for the qualifying planning expenses described in section 1 of this  
3 2007 Act.

4       (2) The use of lottery bond proceeds pursuant to this section is authorized based on the  
5 following findings:

6       (a) There is an urgent need to improve and expand water storage sites in this state and  
7 protect existing watersheds.

8       (b) Local governments and private sector businesses often lack access to capital and the  
9 technical capacity to undertake water storage projects.

10       (c) Public investments in water storage projects will create jobs and further economic  
11 growth while ensuring the continued protection of watersheds.

12       (3) The aggregate principal amount of lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section may  
13 not exceed \$5 million plus an additional amount established by the State Treasurer to pay  
14 bond-related costs.

15       (4) The net proceeds of the lottery bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be depos-  
16 ited in the Water Reuse and Storage Investment Fund created in section 1 of this 2007 Act.  
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