

Senate Bill 600

Sponsored by Senator NELSON (Presession filed.)

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 to conduct statewide water supply and conservation opportunities assessment. Sets completion date of July 1, 2009.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department to pay costs of assessment.

Sunsets January 2, 2010.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to statewide water supply assessment; and appropriating money.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 (1) **The Oregon Progress Board's State of the Environment Report 2000 noted that one**
6 **of the state's major environmental challenges is an inadequate supply of water.**

7 (2) **Surface waters in most of Oregon are fully appropriated by existing out-of-stream and**
8 **in-stream uses, except during periods outside the irrigation season when stream flows are**
9 **generally higher.**

10 (3) **Ground water resources in Oregon are showing signs of overuse and are becoming**
11 **unstable in many areas.**

12 (4) **Conflicts between out-of-stream and in-stream needs are becoming increasingly**
13 **divisive and expensive to resolve.**

14 **SECTION 2. The Water Resources Department shall conduct a statewide water supply**
15 **and conservation opportunities assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to allow the**
16 **state to:**

17 (1) **Identify challenges in ensuring sufficient water supplies in meeting existing and fu-**
18 **ture beneficial uses of water;**

19 (2) **Provide data for prioritizing future water storage and conservation projects; and**

20 (3) **Identify periods of water availability from the Columbia River for possible use in**
21 **Oregon.**

22 **SECTION 3. The statewide water supply and conservation opportunities assessment shall:**

23 (1) **Review existing and future water needs in Oregon, including out-of-stream and in-**
24 **stream water needs;**

25 (2) **Develop a statewide inventory of potential storage sites, including above ground res-**
26 **ervoirs and below ground sites such as artificial recharge projects;**

27 (3) **Analyze water supply that may be gained through greater adoption of efficient water**
28 **use practices;**

29 (4) **Investigate basin yield estimates, focusing on the amount of runoff that can be ex-**
30 **pected each year, or each season, for various drainage basins; and**

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 **(5) Develop a funding program for community-based water supply planning that provides**
2 **incentive funding to communities that develop strategies to meet their long-term water**
3 **supply needs.**

4 **SECTION 4.** **The Water Resources Department shall complete the statewide water supply**
5 **and conservation opportunities assessment described in sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act by**
6 **July 1, 2009.**

7 **SECTION 5.** **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
8 **ated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the**
9 **General Fund, the amount of \$_____ to pay the costs of the statewide water supply and**
10 **conservation opportunities assessment described in sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act.**

11 **SECTION 6.** **Sections 1 to 4 of this 2007 Act are repealed on January 2, 2010.**

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