

Senate Bill 601

Sponsored by Senator NELSON, Representative JENSON; Representative G SMITH

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 Juniper Canyon dam and reservoir initial 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

1
2 Relating to Juniper Canyon; 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) **In eastern Oregon nearly all surface water that is available during the irrigation**
6 **season has been appropriated.**

7 (2) **The future of water use in eastern Oregon will depend on the state's ability to store**
8 **water during periods outside the irrigation season when water flows are generally higher.**

9 (3) **The development of additional dam and reservoir space at locations where water is**
10 **available and where construction is economically feasible will help ensure reliable water**
11 **supplies in eastern Oregon.**

12 (4) **The construction of a dam and reservoir that may be filled from the Columbia River**
13 **when water is available for appropriation will contribute to eastern Oregon's economic**
14 **growth.**

15 (5) **Juniper Canyon is potentially a viable site for a dam and reservoir to provide a reli-**
16 **able water supply for residents in eastern Oregon.**

17 **SECTION 2. The Water Resources Department shall conduct a Juniper Canyon dam and**
18 **reservoir initial assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to allow the state to:**

19 (1) **Review the possibility of constructing a dam and reservoir at Juniper Canyon in**
20 **eastern Oregon;**

21 (2) **Provide data concerning the feasibility of constructing a dam and reservoir at Juniper**
22 **Canyon; and**

23 (3) **Identify recommendations concerning the construction of a dam and reservoir at**
24 **Juniper Canyon.**

25 **SECTION 3. The Juniper Canyon dam and reservoir initial assessment shall:**

26 (1) **Analyze the suitability of the foundation and abutments in Juniper Canyon in relation**
27 **to the construction of a dam and reservoir;**

28 (2) **Consider environmental concerns resulting from the possible construction of a dam**
29 **and reservoir in Juniper Canyon;**

30 (3) **Identify dam and reservoir design issues, including hydrologic and seismic criteria;**

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 **(4) Review permitting and other jurisdictional issues related to the potential construction**
2 **of a dam and reservoir in Juniper Canyon; and**

3 **(5) Analyze cost and funding options for the Juniper Canyon dam and reservoir.**

4 **SECTION 4. The Water Resources Department shall complete the Juniper Canyon dam**
5 **and reservoir initial assessment described in sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act by July 1, 2009.**

6 **SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
7 **ated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the**
8 **General Fund, the amount of \$250,000 to pay the costs of the Juniper Canyon dam and res-**
9 **ervoir initial assessment.**

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

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