

Senate Bill 781

Sponsored by Senator BEYER; Senators JOHNSON, NELSON, Representatives GILLIAM, JENSON, ROBLAN, SCHAUFLER (at the request of East Valley Water District)

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**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Water Resources Department for construction of reservoir and conveyance system in East Valley Water District.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to East Valley Water District; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas intense crop production on high value farmland in east Marion and south Clackamas
4 Counties depends on water from a declining basalt aquifer and over appropriated surface water
5 sources; and

6 Whereas the East Valley Water District has studied importing water from the Detroit Dam
7 storage, recharging ground water and constructing new storage and found construction of new
8 storage to be the most effective alternative to relieve stress on the existing resources; and

9 Whereas the East Valley Water District has reviewed a number of possible storage sites and,
10 after completing preliminary environmental and engineering studies, determined an area on Drift
11 Creek in Marion County to be economically and environmentally feasible; and

12 Whereas the East Valley Water District does not seek to develop additional agricultural pro-
13 duction, but instead seeks to replace existing stressed resources; and

14 Whereas population increases in existing communities have put an additional demand on re-
15 sources; now, therefore,

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

17 **SECTION 1.** (1) **The Water Resources Department shall construct a reservoir and**
18 **conveyance system in the East Valley Water District.**

19 (2) **Prior to construction, the department shall complete engineering and environmental**
20 **assessments and secure the permits required to begin construction.**

21 **SECTION 2.** **There is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium**
22 **beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of**
23 **carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2007 Act.**

24 **SECTION 3.** **This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
26 **July 1, 2007.**

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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.