

**74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2008 Special Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

MEASURE: SB 1069-A

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

**Carriers – House: Rep. D. Edwards/
Rep. Jenson**

Revenue: No revenue impact

Carrier – Senate: Sen. Avakian

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 14 – 0 – 5

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Hanna, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, P. Smith
– Nays:

– Exc: Jenson, Shields

Senate – Yeas: Carter, Gordly, Monroe, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Whitsett

– Nays:

– Exc: Bates, Johnson, Winters

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Meeting Date: February 20, 2008

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Water Resources Department to provide grants and direct services for feasibility studies related to water conservation, water reuse and water storage. Establishes a Water Conservation, Reuse and Storage Investment Fund. Continuously appropriates monies in the fund to the Department for grants and payment of direct services. Directs the Department to conduct a regional aquifer recovery assessment for the Umatilla Basin. Requires the Department to make certain requests of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation related to the Umatilla Basin Project. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of the amendments
- Inclusion of funding for the bill in SB 5556

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Surface waters in most of the state are fully appropriated by existing out-of-stream and in-stream uses, except during periods that fall outside of the irrigation season when stream flows are generally higher. There are also a number of areas throughout the state that are experiencing unstable supplies of groundwater. In response to these water supply concerns, the 2007 Legislative Assembly approved the Oregon Water Supply and Conservation Initiative, a study currently underway by the Water Resource Department. The department will report their findings to the 2009 Legislative Assembly.