

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Burley, Cannon, Garrard, Read, Smith G., Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to support the title transfer of the Tualatin Project and the Oregon Congressional Delegation to advocate for title transfer and to obtain federal funding to advance the project.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Flexibility offered by local control
- Future role of the project in meeting water supply needs
- History of strong local partnerships

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Tualatin Project is a federal water supply project of the United States Bureau of Reclamation authorized by the Act of September 20, 1966 and completed in 1978. The project includes Hagg Lake, Scoggins Dam, associated lands and irrigation facilities. Purposes of the project are irrigation, municipal and industrial water supply, flood control, recreation, the conservation and development of fish and wildlife resources, and water quality. The project is located primarily in the northwest part of the Willamette Basin in Washington County.

In 2007, with the encouragement of the Bureau of Reclamation, water resource agencies in Washington County began discussing the feasibility of ownership transfer of the Tualatin Project from federal ownership to local ownership. Title transfer is a component of local efforts to increase water storage in the Tualatin basin by raising the Scoggins Dam. Congress is expected to take up this issue in 2008.