

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 7 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Bailey, Barnhart, Bentz, Gilliam, Jenson, Smith J., Cannon  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Boone  
**Prepared By:** Beth Patrino, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands pilot project allowing temporary transfer of water rights to an additional 12 districts: Central Oregon, Westland, North Unit, Arnold, Stanfield, West Extension, Hermiston, Medford, Sutherlin, Santiam, and Ochoco. Requires that Water Resources Department submit report on pilot project to Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly. Extends sunset for pilot project to June 30, 2016.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Interest in acquiring more data on pilot project
- When a pilot project becomes a continuing program

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2003 Legislative Assembly authorized a pilot project allowing for the temporary transfer of water rights between existing water right holders within eligible irrigation district boundaries. The project allows irrigators to transfer their water rights on an annual basis without being subject to a formal transfer process or fee assessment. Three irrigation districts currently qualify and have participated in water right transfers: Owyhee, Talent, and Tualatin Valley. Senate Bill 664A expands the pilot project to an additional 12 districts.