

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2231**

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Including House Amendments dated February 5

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**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.

Increases fees for certain reports submitted by water well constructors.  
**Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to fees for water well constructors; amending ORS 537.762; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 537.762 is amended to read:

5 537.762. (1) Each person required to possess a license under ORS 537.747 who has entered into  
6 a contract to construct, alter, abandon or convert a well or cause a well to be constructed, altered,  
7 abandoned or converted shall, before beginning work on the well, make a report to the Water Re-  
8 sources Commission containing:

9 (a) The name and post-office address of the owner of the well.

10 (b) The approximate location of the well.

11 (c) The proposed depth and diameter of the well.

12 (d) The proposed purpose or use of the ground water from the well.

13 (2) The commission shall furnish a convenient means for **submitting the** reports referred to in  
14 subsection (1) of this section to each person who possesses a license under ORS 537.747.

15 (3) A separate report shall be furnished under subsection (1) of this section for each well that  
16 is constructed, altered, abandoned or converted.

17 (4) The report furnished under subsection (1) of this section shall be confidential and maintained  
18 as such for one year or until the well log required under ORS 537.765 is received by the commission,  
19 whichever is earlier. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the commission from using the report for  
20 enforcement actions during the period the report is considered confidential.

21 (5) Each report form submitted under subsection (1) of this section for the construction of a new  
22 well, deepening of an existing well, or conversion of a well shall be accompanied by a fee of [~~\$125~~  
23 **\$225**]. Notwithstanding the fee established pursuant to this subsection, the commission may adopt by  
24 rule a reduced fee for persons submitting materials to the Water Resources Department in a digital  
25 format approved by the department.

26 (6) The moneys paid to the commission under subsection (5) of this section shall be paid into the  
27 Water Resources Department Operating Fund. All interest, if any, from moneys received under  
28 subsection (5) of this section shall inure to the benefit of the Water Resources Department. Such

**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 moneys and interest earned on such moneys are continuously appropriated to the department to be  
2 used to pay the costs of the department to employ personnel to inspect wells and well construction.

3 **SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
4 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**  
5 **July 1, 2009.**

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