Senate Bill 194

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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 **as introduced.**

Requires Water Resources Department to implement Oregon Water Resources Department Strategic Measurement Plan. Requires Water Resources Commission to appoint water use measurement advisory committee. Requires department to report to interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to water use measurement.

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- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> The Water Resources Department shall implement the Oregon Water Resources Department Strategic Measurement Plan described in section 2 of this 2009 Act by September 1, 2012.
 - SECTION 2. (1) In carrying out its duties, functions and powers prescribed by law, the Water Resources Commission shall appoint a water use measurement advisory committee to evaluate the progress of the Water Resources Department toward implementation of the Oregon Water Resources Department Strategic Measurement Plan developed by the department and approved by the commission.
 - (2) In carrying out the evaluation under subsection (1) of this section, the water use measurement advisory committee shall make recommendations for further implementation of the plan, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Additional significant diversions of water that warrant measurement, and timelines in which the measurement should be carried out;
 - (b) Potential sources of public and private funding to support the Water Measurement Cost Share Program Revolving Fund in ORS 536.021 that was established by the Seventy-first Legislative Assembly in 2001; and
 - (c) Potential sources of public and private funding to substantially increase the capacity of, and number of sites in, Oregon's network of gauging stations established pursuant to ORS 542.060.
 - (3) The committee shall consist of nine members who are appointed based upon their ability to represent the best interests of Oregon as a whole.
 - (4) A member of the committee may not receive compensation, but at the discretion of the commission may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred, subject to ORS 292.495.
 - SECTION 3. The Water Resources Department shall submit a report, and shall include details on the implementation of the Oregon Water Resources Department Strategic Measurement Plan carried out pursuant to section 1 of this 2009 Act and recommendations of the

- water use measurement advisory committee made pursuant to section 2 of this 2009 Act, to the interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources on or before Nowember 1, 2012.
- 4 SECTION 4. Sections 1 to 3 of this 2009 Act are repealed on January 2, 2013.
