

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts changes in points of diversion from removal/fill permit requirement if necessitated by change in location of surface water source and authorized by Water Resources Department.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Stream channel migration as a result of flooding
- Need to relocate diversion before irrigation season begins

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.795-990) requires people who plan to remove or fill material in waters of the state to obtain a permit from the Department of State Lands. House Bill 2189 allows authorized water users to change the point of water diversion of surface waters without the need to obtain a removal-fill permit. The exemption would apply if there is a valid water right from the Water Resources Department and if changing the point of water diversion is necessary to adjust for movement of the waterway.