

House Bill 2596

Sponsored by Representative SCHAUFLER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Modifies requirements for tapping water out of or discharging water into irrigation canal or drainage ditch.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to water; amending ORS 549.180.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 549.180 is amended to read:

5 549.180. (1) [*No person shall tap or bring additional water into any drainage district or drainage*
6 *district ditch already dug without paying a reasonable compensation therefor and securing the written*
7 *permission of district officials.*] **A person may not tap water out of or discharge water into an**
8 **irrigation canal or a drainage ditch unless the person has obtained written permission from**
9 **the owner or operator of the canal or ditch and paid appropriate compensation to the owner**
10 **or operator.**

11 (2) The **imposition of a criminal penalty** for violation of this section [*shall not relieve the de-*
12 *fendant*] **does not relieve a person** from civil liability for damages.

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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.