

House Bill 3509

Sponsored by Representative JENSON; Representative GARRARD

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**.

Declares certain withdrawals of Columbia River water for use by critical ground water storage projects within Umatilla Basin to be authorized use under Water Resources Commission programs for carrying out basin plan and to be beneficial use not impairing or detrimental to public interest.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to water projects within the Umatilla River Basin.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Notwithstanding ORS 536.295, 536.300, 536.310 and 537.153 (2), if a critical**
5 **ground water storage project is located within the Umatilla River Basin, a withdrawal of**
6 **water from the Columbia River during the month of April, September or November or during**
7 **the period from May 1 through May 15 in any year to allow the project to use aquifer re-**
8 **charge is deemed to be an authorized use under Water Resources Commission programs for**
9 **carrying out the Umatilla Basin plan and is conclusively presumed for the purposes of any**
10 **public interest review or of issuing a permit under ORS 537.153 to be a beneficial use that**
11 **will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.**
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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.