

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3623

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, delete “repealing” and insert “amending”.

2 Delete lines 5 through 17 and insert:

3 “**SECTION 1.** Section 5, chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2005, is amended to read:

4 “**Sec. 5.** (1) The Water Resources Commission shall repeal the rules referred to in section 2 [*of*
5 *this 2005 Act*], **chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2005**, on January 2, [2014] **2029**.

6 “(2) Ground water permits and mitigation projects approved before the repeal remain valid and
7 effective.

8 “**SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section, ‘Deschutes Basin ground water study area’ has
9 the meaning given that term in ORS 540.531.

10 “(2) The Water Resources Department shall periodically review the department program
11 for the Deschutes Basin ground water study area. The review shall include, but need not be
12 limited to, the identification of regulatory and statutory changes that may improve the pro-
13 gram in order to address and mitigate injury to existing water rights and offset measurable
14 reductions of scenic waterway flows.

15 “(3) The department shall report to the Legislative Assembly every five years on out-
16 comes of the department program for the Deschutes Basin ground water study area. The
17 report shall include, but need not be limited to, program impacts on other users of the
18 Deschutes River Basin, the potential timing of mitigation, identification of zones of impact,
19 the potential timing of federal, state and local storage improvements and other issues iden-
20 tified by stakeholders.

21 “**SECTION 3.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
23 July 1, 2011.”.

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