

House Bill 3623

Sponsored by Representative WHISNANT

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**.

Eliminates requirement that Water Resources Commission repeal certain rules regarding ground water mitigation in Deschutes Basin ground water study area.

Directs Water Resources Department to periodically review program for Deschutes Basin ground water study area and to report to Legislative Assembly every five years.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Deschutes Basin ground water study area; creating new provisions; repealing section
3 5, chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2005; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2005, is repealed.**

6 **SECTION 2. The Water Resources Department shall periodically review the department
7 program for the Deschutes Basin ground water study area, as defined in ORS 540.531, and
8 shall report to the Legislative Assembly every five years on outcomes of the program and
9 on possible regulatory or statutory changes that could improve the program. The report shall
10 include, but need not be limited to, information regarding updated gauge readings for river
11 flows affecting the Deschutes River basin, impacts on other users in the basin, the role that
12 the department program plays in encouraging collaboration among interests in the basin, the
13 potential timing of mitigation and zones of impact, the potential timing of storage improve-
14 ments at the local, state and federal level and other issues raised by stakeholders.**

15 **SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
17 July 1, 2011.**

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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.