

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage, but with Amendments and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	6 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Bentz, Boone, Krieger, Thompson, Witt, Gilliam
Nays:	Keny-Guyer, Bailey
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Water Resources Department (WRD), in cooperation with other state agencies, to aggressively pursue development of new water supplies for consumptive and instream uses by storage, conservation and reuse of Columbia River water, including increasing amount of water available to agricultural appropriation by minimum of 100,000 acre feet above 2011 levels. Directs WRD and other agencies to consider new mitigation options for new surface water diversions. Directs WRD to take all actions necessary and proper to achieve minimum 100,000 acre feet increase by December 31, 2018. Directs WRD to report annually to Legislative Assembly on progress toward meeting increase in water appropriations. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential effects of additional water available for agricultural uses
- When water is available for appropriation from Columbia River
- Effect of flow changes on fish

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies whereas statements, adds finding statements and replaces remainder of measure.

BACKGROUND: In most areas of Oregon, surface water is no longer available for new uses on a year around basis. Ground water may also be limited in some areas. House Bill 4101A would direct the Water Resources Department to aggressively pursue the development of new water supplies for consumptive and instream uses of Columbia River water, including increasing the amount of water available for agricultural appropriation by a minimum of 100,000 acre feet above 2011 levels.