

76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2012 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

MINORITY REPORT
MEASURE: SB 1513A
CARRIER: Sen. Olsen

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Signers of Report:	Sen. Olsen and Sen. Thomsen
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/2, 2/7, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Limits term of split season lease to not more than five water or calendar years. Requires certain types of water right purchase, lease or gift to comply with requirements of water right transfer statutes. Extends sunset on split season lease statute from 2014 to 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- If injury test is applied to split season water right leases
- Number of split season lease applications
- How split season leases work
- Five year limit on leases in administrative rule

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: In Oregon, most existing water rights are eligible to lease to instream use provided the lease does not injure other existing water rights. A split season lease may be used if a water right is to be used for both the existing authorized purpose and for instream use during the same year. A water right holder with a split season lease must measure and report to the Water Resources Department the water used for both purposes. The statutory authority for split season leases is set to sunset on January 2, 2014. Senate Bill 1513A would limit the term of a split season lease to five years; apply the transfer statutes to certain water right purchases, leases and gifts; and extend the sunset on the authority for split season leases to 2020.

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