

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4101**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “appropriating money;”.

2 In line 3, delete “and fishing industries” and insert “industry”.

3 Delete lines 10 through 13 and insert:

4 “Whereas an increase in agricultural production will result in new jobs
5 and economic activity in Oregon; and

6 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly desires that the Water Resources De-
7 partment prioritize the development of water supply enhancement to ensure
8 that Oregon realizes benefits from agriculture, to protect Oregon interests
9 regarding aquifers, river flows and water uses and to meet the need for in-
10 creased agricultural production; now, therefore,”.

11 Delete lines 15 through 22 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:

12 **“SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:**

13 **“(1) It is the policy of this state to enhance the available supply of**
14 **water in this state from Columbia River Basin sources for consumptive**
15 **and in-stream uses in order to promote the economic welfare of the**
16 **state.**

17 **“(2) Columbia River Basin water supports irrigated agriculture,**
18 **which is a traded sector export industry that generates revenue from**
19 **outside the state, resulting in substantial economic benefits to resi-**
20 **dents of this state.**

21 **“(3) An increase in agricultural production will result in new jobs**
22 **and economic activity in this state, but the ability to increase agri-**

1 cultural production is limited by a lack of available Columbia River
2 Basin water during the summer irrigation season.

3 “(4) During the dry summer months, consumptive and in-stream
4 needs in the Columbia River Basin sometimes go unsatisfied.

5 “(5) This state must enhance its available water supplies by in-
6 creasing the storage of Columbia River Basin waters outside of the
7 irrigation season for use in meeting consumptive and in-stream needs
8 during the dry summer months.

9 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Water Resources Department shall, in coop-
10 eration with other state agencies, aggressively pursue the development
11 of new water supplies for consumptive and in-stream uses by the
12 storage, conservation and reuse of Columbia River Basin waters, in-
13 cluding but not limited to increasing the amount of new water avail-
14 able for agricultural appropriation within the Columbia River Basin
15 by a minimum of 100,000 acre-feet above 2011 levels.**

16 **“(2) In carrying out this section, the department and the state
17 agencies cooperating with the department shall consider new miti-
18 gation options for new surface water diversions.**

19 **“SECTION 3. The Water Resources Department shall:**

20 **“(1) Take all actions necessary and proper to achieve a minimum
21 100,000 acre-feet increase in new water available for agricultural ap-
22 propriation within the Columbia River Basin as described in section 2
23 of this 2012 Act by December 31, 2018.**

24 **“(2) Report annually to the Legislative Assembly regarding progress
25 toward meeting the minimum 100,000 acre-feet increase described in
26 subsection (1) of this section. The department shall make the final
27 report under this subsection in the year that the department achieves
28 the minimum 100,000 acre-feet increase or 2019, whichever occurs first.**

29 **“SECTION 4. This 2012 Act being necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**

1 **declared to exist, and this 2012 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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