77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: HJM 7

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Energy & Environment

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

 Action:
 Be Adopted

 Vote:
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Yeas: Boone, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Bailey

Nays: 0

Exc.: Bentz, Dembrow, Weidner, Whitsett

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to increase investment in Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund to upgrade and repair public water and wastewater systems.

CARRIER: Rep. Dembrow

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rural community water needs
- History of the measure
- Water infrastructure in communities
- Return on investment for funds

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund are both used by communities to upgrade water and wastewater systems. Many of these systems are becoming increasingly ineffective due to age. By increasing investment in these funds, Congress can provide a means to many communities to afford repairs to existing systems or replacement of those systems.