

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bentz, Boone, Dembrow, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Weidner, Whitsett, Bailey
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Governor to report to Legislative Assembly regarding status of Columbia River Treaty 2014/2024 Review as well as any participation or input of Governor or any state agency in Columbia River Treaty 2014/2024 Review. Requires reports to be filed quarterly from 2013 to 2014, starting on September 15, 2013. Requires reports to be filed annually from December 15, 2014 to December 15, 2025. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Columbia River Treaty
- Treaty impacts on Oregon
- Columbia River Treaty 2014/2024 Review process
- Potential timeline for Treaty termination

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: The Columbia River Treaty is a treaty between the United States and Canada for the cooperative development of water resources regulation in the upper Columbia River Basin. The treaty calls for Canada to develop reservoirs in the higher reaches of the basin sufficient to provide 15.5 million acre-feet of water storage. In exchange, the United States is required to provide one-half of the increased downstream power benefits to Canada. This is known as the Canadian Entitlement.

The treaty has no end date, but it includes an option for either country to terminate most treaty provisions any time after September 16, 2024, if at least 10 years advance notice is given. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bonneville Power Administration, the entities responsible for implementing the treaty in the United States, are currently holding a multi-year review process called the Columbia River Treaty 2014/2024 Review. House Bill 3491 A would require the Governor to report to the Legislative Assembly regarding their participation in that process.

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