

# House Bill 2321

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires agencies of executive department to take certain actions to protect environment. Allows associations and organizations to request contested case hearing on environmental impact statements.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to agency actions affecting the environment.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 (1) **Protecting the environment in Oregon is a matter of statewide concern.**

6 (2) **The interrelationship of policies and practices in the management of the environment**  
7 **requires systematic efforts to enhance environmental quality and to control environmental**  
8 **pollution.**

9 (3) **Oregon's environment will be best protected if regulatory activities by the state are**  
10 **conducted so that enhanced consideration is given to preventing damage to the environment.**

11 **SECTION 2. All agencies of the executive department as defined in ORS 174.112 shall:**

12 (1) **Utilize a systematic, interdisciplinary approach that will ensure the integrated use of**  
13 **the natural and social sciences and the environmental design arts in planning and in**  
14 **decision-making that may have an impact on the environment in Oregon.**

15 (2) **Identify and develop methods and procedures that will ensure that environmental**  
16 **protection is given consideration in decision-making along with economic and technical con-**  
17 **siderations.**

18 (3) **Include in every recommendation or report on proposals for major state actions sig-**  
19 **nificantly affecting the quality of the environment a detailed environmental impact state-**  
20 **ment regarding:**

21 (a) **The environmental impact of the proposed action;**

22 (b) **Any adverse environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the proposal is imple-**  
23 **mented;**

24 (c) **Alternatives to the proposed action;**

25 (d) **The relationship between local short-term uses of the environment and the mainte-**  
26 **nance and enhancement of long-term productivity; and**

27 (e) **Any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of natural resources that are involved**  
28 **if the proposed action is implemented.**

29 (4) **Study, develop and describe appropriate alternatives to recommended courses of**  
30 **action in any proposal that involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of**  
31 **available natural resources.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

