

House Bill 2814

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

SUMMARY

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Requires Water Resources Department to determine percentage of department operating costs attributable to in-stream water rights program. Requires department to submit report including proposals for legislation to require participating state agencies to pay department operating costs for in-stream water rights program and proposals to adjust statutory fees to equal other department operating costs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Water Resources Department program costs.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "in-stream water rights program costs" means**
5 **all Water Resources Department expenses attributable to exercising the duties, functions**
6 **and powers of the department to administer and enforce ORS 537.332 to 537.360.**

7 **(2) The Water Resources Department shall conduct a study to determine the percentage**
8 **of department operating costs that are in-stream water rights program costs. The depart-**
9 **ment shall report the results of the study to an interim committee of the Legislative As-**
10 **sembly dealing with natural resources on or before October 1, 2014.**

11 **(3) The report made under subsection (2) of this section must include specific department**
12 **proposals for legislation to ensure that state agencies that request, or that have successfully**
13 **requested, the department to issue an in-stream water right under ORS 537.341 make pro-**
14 **portional payments to the department that on a biennial basis equal the in-stream water**
15 **rights program costs. The proposals shall also include any adjustments to the fees estab-**
16 **lished in ORS 536.050 that are reasonably calculated to cause the amount received from the**
17 **fees to equal the department operating costs that are not in-stream water rights program**
18 **costs. For purposes of this subsection, fees paid by water right holders in connection with**
19 **leases for in-stream use are fees established in ORS 536.050.**

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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.