

# House Bill 3269

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## 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 Water Resources Commission to inspect dams to determine condition and need for repairs or modifications. Requires periodic report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly. Requires completion of inspections by June 30, 2019.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the inspection of dams.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "dam" means a water retention structure that:**

5 **(a) Is located on a natural streambed;**

6 **(b) Is more than 25 feet in height; and**

7 **(c) Is located at a site that has an average annual flow exceeding two cubic feet a second.**

8 **(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the Water Resources Commission**  
9 **shall inspect the condition of the hydraulic works at each dam in this state to evaluate the**  
10 **severity and urgency of any problems present, identify any modifications necessary to ensure**  
11 **the safety of the works, and determine the likely cost of repairing problems or making nec-**  
12 **essary modifications. The inspection shall include all features of the dam involved in the**  
13 **maintenance and operation of the hydraulic works.**

14 **(3) This section does not require the commission to reinspect any hydraulic works or**  
15 **other features that:**

16 **(a) The commission inspects under ORS 540.350 (5) or 540.390 on or after the effective**  
17 **date of this 2013 Act;**

18 **(b) Are inspected on or after the effective date by consultants making a report accepted**  
19 **as sufficient by the commission under ORS 540.380; or**

20 **(c) Are the subject of a special examination and inspection on or after the effective date**  
21 **of this 2013 Act by consultants preparing a report for commission guidance under ORS**  
22 **540.380.**

23 **(4) The commission shall complete the inspection process required by this section no**  
24 **later than June 30, 2019.**

25 **(5) The commission shall biennially report as provided in ORS 192.230 to 192.250 to an**  
26 **interim committee of the Legislative Assembly dealing with water resources. The report**  
27 **shall include, but need not be limited to, the status of the inspection process, inspection**  
28 **findings for the biennium and recommendations regarding the need and priority for funding**  
29 **repairs or necessary modifications. The commission shall include in the biennial report a**  
30 **description of relevant material obtained from inspections described in subsection (3) of this**

**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.

1 **section. The commission shall submit the first biennial report no later than October 1, 2015,**  
2 **and the last report no later than October 1, 2019.**

3 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed January 2, 2020.**

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