

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3358**

Ordered by the House April 22  
Including House Amendments dated April 22

Sponsored by Representatives MCLANE, WHISNANT, CONGER; Representative HUFFMAN

**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.

Allocates lottery moneys to Water Resources Department for purpose of issuing grants to [*ensure*] **study ways** of meeting [*existing*] water mitigation obligations in [*general zone within*] Deschutes River Basin. [*Establishes qualifications for entity receiving grant.*] **Requires report of study results to legislative committee related to natural resources no later than October 1, 2019.**

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to obligations for the mitigation of ground water usage in the Deschutes River Basin; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, from the Admin-**  
6 **istrative Services Economic Development Fund, to the Water Resources Department, the**  
7 **amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of the issuing grants under section 2 of this 2013 Act.**

8 **SECTION 2. (1) The Water Resources Department may issue grants for studies to assess**  
9 **and further the planning and development of water development projects to meet obligations**  
10 **to mitigate ground water usage in the Deschutes River Basin.**

11 **(2) The department shall ensure that the studies receiving grants under this section ad-**  
12 **dress, at a minimum, the potential to mitigate ground water usage in the basin through:**

13 **(a) Creating new or expanded water storage;**

14 **(b) Improving or altering operations at existing water storage facilities;**

15 **(c) Employing new or improved methods and means for distributing, conveying or deliv-**  
16 **ering water to a place of use;**

17 **(d) Revising priorities for the allocation of stored water;**

18 **(e) Promoting water reuse;**

19 **(f) Promoting water conservation;**

20 **(g) Protecting or restoring streamflows;**

21 **(h) Improving water management;**

22 **(i) Improving water measurement; and**

23 **(j) Determining the seasonally varying flow requirements of streams within the basin.**

24 **(3) The studies receiving grants under this section must consider how the amount of**  
25 **ground water usage and the ability to meet obligations to mitigate ground water usage in the**  
26 **basin may be affected by potential changes in water supply and demand, including but not**

**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 limited to, changes related to climate change.

2 (4) The recipients of grants under this section shall solicit the involvement of interested  
3 parties that are present or active in the basin to act as a work group to assist in planning  
4 and carrying out the study work.

5 (5) In addition to any studies regarding the planning and development of water develop-  
6 ment projects, the department may issue grants under this section for:

7 (a) Comprehensive basin studies by the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States De-  
8 partment of the Interior relating to possible means for meeting obligations to mitigate  
9 ground water usage in the basin; and

10 (b) Studies by the United States Army Corps of Engineers regarding the reallocation of  
11 water to meet obligations to mitigate ground water usage in the basin.

12 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Water Resources Department shall require the recipients of grants  
13 issued under section 2 of this 2013 Act to complete the studies funded by the grants no later  
14 than June 30, 2019.

15 (2) The Water Resources Department shall report as provided under ORS 192.235 to  
16 192.245 no later than October 1, 2019, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly  
17 related to natural resources regarding any available results from studies receiving grants  
18 under section 2 of this 2013 Act. The report may include any recommendations for legislative  
19 action to allow for additional study or for legislative action based upon study results.

20 **SECTION 4.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect  
22 July 1, 2013.  
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