

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3358

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 “**SECTION 1.** There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, from the Ad-  
3 ministrative Services Economic Development Fund, to the Water Resources Department, the  
4 amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of the issuing grants under section 2 of this 2013 Act.

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

8 “(2) The department shall ensure that the studies receiving grants under this section  
9 address, at a minimum, the potential to mitigate ground water usage in the basin through:

10 “(a) Creating new or expanded water storage;

11 “(b) Improving or altering operations at existing water storage facilities;

12 “(c) Employing new or improved methods and means for distributing, conveying or de-  
13 livering water to a place of use;

14 “(d) Revising priorities for the allocation of stored water;

15 “(e) Promoting water reuse;

16 “(f) Promoting water conservation;

17 “(g) Protecting or restoring streamflows;

18 “(h) Improving water management;

19 “(i) Improving water measurement; and

20 “(j) Determining the seasonally varying flow requirements of streams within the basin.

21 “(3) The studies receiving grants under this section must consider how the amount of  
22 ground water usage and the ability to meet obligations to mitigate ground water usage in the  
23 basin may be affected by potential changes in water supply and demand, including but not  
24 limited to, changes related to climate change.

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

28 “(5) In addition to any studies regarding the planning and development of water devel-  
29 opment projects, the department may issue grants under this section for:

30 “(a) Comprehensive basin studies by the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States  
31 Department of the Interior relating to possible means for meeting obligations to mitigate  
32 ground water usage in the basin; and

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

35 “**SECTION 3.** (1) The Water Resources Department shall require the recipients of grants

1 issued under section 2 of this 2013 Act to complete the studies funded by the grants no later  
2 than June 30, 2019.

3 “(2) The Water Resources Department shall report as provided under ORS 192.235 to  
4 192.245 no later than October 1, 2019, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly  
5 related to natural resources regarding any available results from studies receiving grants  
6 under section 2 of this 2013 Act. The report may include any recommendations for legislative  
7 action to allow for additional study or for legislative action based upon study results.

8 “SECTION 4. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
9 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect  
10 July 1, 2013.”

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