

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 846**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete pages
2 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, ‘northeastern Oregon’**
4 **means Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa Counties.**

5 **“(2) The Water Resources Department shall establish a storage,**
6 **conservation and in-stream flow protection and augmentation program**
7 **for the Umatilla Basin to increase in-stream and out-of-stream water**
8 **supplies in northeastern Oregon and to provide department services**
9 **as a liaison between parties wishing to engage in water-related trans-**
10 **actions in the basin that may affect water supplies in northeastern**
11 **Oregon.**

12 **“(3) The department shall develop the program in a manner that is**
13 **designed to increase water supplies in northeastern Oregon through**
14 **the utilization of Columbia River water for in-stream and out-of-**
15 **stream uses within the basin and in a manner that:**

16 **“(a) Promotes agricultural development and production;**

17 **“(b) Is technically, economically and environmentally feasible;**

18 **“(c) Protects in-stream flow needs for native fish species;**

19 **“(d) Promotes regional partnerships between state and local gov-**
20 **ernments and nonprofit organizations;**

21 **“(e) Promotes public-private partnerships;**

22 **“(f) Promotes instream and out-of-stream water development**

1 **projects;**

2 **“(g) Benefits the state through the integration and coordination of**
3 **programs; and**

4 **“(h) Limits new appropriations of live flow to the annual period**
5 **beginning October 1 and ending April 14 and to the extent that the**
6 **department determines that water is available during that period.**

7 **“(4) Measures for developing water resources in the basin under the**
8 **program may include, but need not be limited to:**

9 **“(a) Activities to support basin aquifer recovery projects;**

10 **“(b) The repair of dams and other facilities;**

11 **“(c) The development of new storage reservoirs;**

12 **“(d) Investments in water conservation measures;**

13 **“(e) The restoration and protection of streamflows; and**

14 **“(f) Engaging in discussions with the States of Washington and**
15 **Idaho to identify possible avenues for interstate cooperation with re-**
16 **gard to Columbia River water utilization and joint investments in**
17 **winter water storage and in-stream and out-of-stream water develop-**
18 **ment projects that have the potential to increase in-stream and out-**
19 **of-stream water supplies in northeastern Oregon.**

20 **“SECTION 2. For the biennium ending July 1, 2015, the Water Re-**
21 **sources Department shall dedicate at least one full-time employee to**
22 **help implement the program described in section 1 of this 2013 Act in**
23 **a manner that is consistent with Consensus Options for Developing**
24 **Additional Storage Capacity identified in the Columbia River-Umatilla**
25 **Solutions Taskforce Declaration of Cooperation created in February**
26 **2013.**

27 **“SECTION 3. The Water Resources Department shall design the**
28 **program required under section 1 of this 2013 Act to increase in-stream**
29 **and out-of-stream water supplies and provide department liaison ser-**
30 **vices for water-related transactions in a manner that is consistent**

1 with the Columbia River-Umatilla Solutions Taskforce Declaration of
2 Cooperation created in February 2013.

3 “SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2013 Act is repealed on June 30,
4 2015.”.

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