

**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 northeastern Oregon to increase in-stream and out-of-stream wa-**  
8 **ter supplies in northeastern Oregon and to provide department ser-**  
9 **vices as a liaison between parties wishing to engage in water-related**  
10 **transactions in the area that may affect water supplies in northeast-**  
11 **ern 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 water for in-stream and out-of-stream uses within**  
15 **the area 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 northeastern**  
8 **Oregon under the program may include, but need not be limited to:**

9 **“(a) Activities to support 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 water utilization and joint investments in winter water storage**  
17 **and in-stream and out-of-stream water development projects that have**  
18 **the potential to increase in-stream and out-of-stream water supplies**  
19 **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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