

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water

MEASURE: HB 2579 A
CARRIER: Rep. Barnhart

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/10/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/03, 03/10

Vote:
Yeas: 5 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, Witt
Exc: 2 - McLane, Post

Prepared By: Ian Davidson, Committee Administrator

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes domestic water supply districts to contract to provide services with cooperative corporations that supply water for domestic purposes. Stipulates that services provided to cooperative corporations are limited to administration or operation, including, but not limited to, infrastructure, maintenance, repair or replacement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ambiguity of existing law
- Similarities with fire districts which provide services to other districts

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

A domestic water supply district may be formed for the purpose of supplying inhabitants of the district with water for domestic purposes. Additionally, a domestic water supply district may supply, furnish and sell for any use any surplus water over and above the domestic needs of its inhabitants to persons living outside the district, or to other water districts, school districts or other local governments. However, presently, domestic water supply districts are not permitted to contract to provide services to a cooperative corporation that supplies water for domestic purposes.

House Bill 2579A would permit domestic water supply district to perform services for cooperative corporations and mutual benefit corporations that supply water for domestic purposes.