

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/13/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 03/09, 04/13**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Edwards, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines place-based integrated water resources for purposes of Act. Authorizes Water Resources Department (Department) to issue grants to person, public body, or Indian tribe to facilitate preparation of place-based integrated water resources strategies (strategies) consistent with state laws, water resource policy and Department requirements. Authorizes Department to enter into contracts or agreements, provide technical assistance and information for development of strategies. Requires strategies be developed in collaboration with balanced representation of interests; balance current and future in and out of stream needs; include development of actions consistent with existing laws and policies; facilitate implementation of local solutions; be developed in open process; and be developed in consultation with Department. Authorizes Water Resources Commission to adopt rules. Sunsets Act July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interaction of Act with existing state law
- Opportunity for people at local level to discuss and plan for current and future needs
- Process for stakeholder outreach

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

In August, 2012 the Water Resources Commission adopted the Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) which created a statewide framework and path for meeting Oregon's instream and out-of-stream water needs. Recommended Action 9A of the IWRS calls for the voluntary undertaking of a place-based approach to water resources planning to help communities understand and meet their instream and out-of-stream water resources needs.

Senate Bill 266A would authorize the Water Resources Department to provide grants to entities and to assist in the preparation of place-based integrated water resources strategies.