

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 03/23, 04/20

Vote:

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Water Resources Department (Department) to participate in activities related to joint management entity consistent with settlement agreement. Establishes activities may include, but are not limited to, providing assistance in formation of Oregon tax-exempt nonprofit corporation to function as joint management entity; drafting and giving approval of articles of incorporation and bylaws; participating as voting member; and participating as member of technical team. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of Water Resources Department in joint management entity
- Drought conditions in State

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

On April 18, 2014, representatives of the Klamath Tribes, Upper Basin irrigators, the State of Oregon, and the United States signed the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (Agreement) to address water management and restoration in the Upper Klamath Basin. The Joint Management Entity will oversee implementation of the Agreement, including oversight of the water use and riparian programs.

Senate Bill 264A would authorize the Water Resources Department to participate in activities related to the joint management entity.