

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

MEASURE: SB 264 A
CARRIER: Rep. McLane

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/26/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/19, 05/26

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Clem, Gilliam, Helm, McLane, Post, Witt

Exc: 1 - Gomberg

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Water Resources Department (Department) to participate in activities related to joint management entity responsible for overseeing implementation of Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement consistent with agreement. Permits activities to 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:

- History of Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement
- Role of Water Resources Department in joint management entity

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 to address water management and restoration in the Upper Klamath Basin. A Joint Management Entity will oversee implementation of the Agreement, including oversight of the water use and riparian programs. The Entity consists of representatives of the Klamath Tribes, the United States, Landowners, and the State of Oregon.

Senate Bill 264A would authorize the Water Resources Department to participate in activities related to the Joint Management Entity.