

Senate Bill 265

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds to finance implementation of Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement of 2010.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement of 2010; and declaring an emergency.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1. (1) At the request of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, in**
4 **consultation with the Water Resources Department, the State Treasurer is authorized to**
5 **issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585, for the biennium beginning July**
6 **1, 2015, in an amount not to exceed net proceeds of \$3.4 million for the purpose described in**
7 **subsection (2) of this section, plus an additional amount, to be estimated by the State**
8 **Treasurer, for payment of bond-related costs.**

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10 **(2) Net proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section must be deposited in the**
11 **Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement Fund established in section 3 of this 2015 Act for ex-**
12 **ecuting the commitments of the State of Oregon in the implementation of the Klamath Basin**
13 **Restoration Agreement of 2010.**

14 **(3) Bond-related costs for the lottery bonds authorized by this section must be paid from**
15 **the gross proceeds of the lottery bonds and from allocations for the purposes of ORS**
16 **286A.576 (1)(c).**

17 **SECTION 2. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

18 **(1) Implementation of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement of 2010 will have nega-**
19 **tive impacts, including a retirement of water rights, a reduction in water delivery and the**
20 **potential devaluation of land and agricultural activities in the Klamath River Basin in**
21 **Oregon.**

22 **(2) The commitment of the State of Oregon will help to mitigate and offset negative im-**
23 **pacts of the restoration agreement and to establish a basis for continuing job creation and**
24 **economic development in the restored Klamath River Basin.**

25 **(3) The factors described in subsection (2) of this section will encourage and promote job**
26 **creation and economic development within the State of Oregon, and issuance of lottery bonds**
27 **to finance the restoration agreement is therefore an appropriate use of state lottery funds**
28 **under Article XV, section 4, of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 461.510.**

29 **SECTION 3. (1) The Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement Fund is established in the**
30 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned on moneys in**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement Fund shall be credited to the fund. The fund
2 consists of moneys deposited in the fund under section 1 of this 2015 Act, and may include
3 fees, revenues or other income deposited in the fund by the Legislative Assembly for the
4 implementation of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement of 2010. Moneys in the fund
5 are continuously appropriated to the Water Resources Department for the purposes de-
6 scribed in subsection (2) of this section.

7 (2) Moneys in the fund may be used to:

8 (a) Provide grants for projects, targeted to support agricultural users and development,
9 that foster and create incentive for development of renewable energy, energy efficiency and
10 energy and water conservation.

11 (b) Provide moneys to Klamath County to compensate for loss of tax revenue due to
12 implementation of the restoration agreement.

13 (c) Pay the costs of the department to administer the fund.

14 (d) Pay bond-related costs, as defined in ORS 286A.560.

15 **SECTION 4.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
17 on its passage.

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