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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.

Allows Water Resources Department to issue grants to [assist recipient entities in] facilitate preparation of place-based integrated water resources strategies. Authorizes department to provide technical assistance and information to assist [entity in preparing] development of place-based integrated water resources strategy. Authorizes Water Resources Commission to adopt rules.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to place-based integrated water resources strategies; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 536.
 - SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "place-based integrated water resources" means waters that are from sources within a single drainage basin or within an area that is a subset of a single drainage basin.
 - (2) The Water Resources Department may issue grants from available moneys to facilitate the preparation of place-based integrated water resources strategies that are consistent with state laws concerning the water resources of this state, state water resources policy and department requirements. The department may issue grants under this subsection to:
 - (a) A person;

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- (b) A public body as defined in ORS 174.109; or
- (c) An Indian tribe.
- (3) The department may enter into contracts or agreements with, and provide technical assistance and information to, a person, a public body as defined in ORS 174.109 or an Indian tribe for the development of place-based integrated water resources strategies.
- (4) Place-based integrated water resources strategies described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section must:
 - (a) Be developed in collaboration with a balanced representation of interests;
 - (b) Balance current and future in-stream and out-of-stream needs;
 - (c) Include the development of actions that are consistent with the existing state laws concerning the water resources of this state and state water resources policy;
 - (d) Facilitate implementation of local solutions;
 - (e) Be developed utilizing an open and transparent process that fosters public partic-

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- (f) Be developed in consultation with the department.
- (5) The Water Resources Commission may adopt rules for the administration of this section.
 - SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2015 Act is repealed July 1, 2019.
- (2) The repeal of section 2 of this 2015 Act does not affect any rights or responsibilities established in a grant, contract or agreement made under section 2 of this 2015 Act prior to July 1, 2019.
- <u>SECTION 4.</u> This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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