

Senate Bill 31

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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 local units of government that have contracted with Department of Environmental Quality to carry out certain duties of department to contract with private persons to carry out certain duties of department on behalf of local units of government.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to contracts for regulation of subsurface sewage disposal; amending ORS 454.725; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 454.725 is amended to read:

6 454.725. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality may enter into agreements with local
7 units of government for the local units to perform the duties of the department under ORS 454.635,
8 454.655, 454.665 and 454.755.

9 **(2) A local unit of government that has entered into an agreement with the department**
10 **under subsection (1) of this section may enter into agreements with private persons to assist**
11 **the local unit in performing the duties of the department as provided for in subsection (1)**
12 **of this section.**

13 [(2)] **(3)** The Department of Environmental Quality may enter into an agreement with a local
14 unit of government when the local unit of government requests to perform the variance duties of the
15 department under ORS 454.657 and 454.660 subject to variance criteria specified in the agreement
16 by the department. Each local unit of government performing variance duties under an agreement
17 may set and collect a variance application fee as provided in ORS 454.662. A fee collected by a local
18 unit of government under this subsection shall not exceed the cost to the local unit of government
19 of performing the variance duties of the department.

20 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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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.