

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 829

By COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

April 24

1 Delete lines 5 through 14 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall follow the procedures**  
3 **set forth in subsection (2) of this section:**

4 **“(a) When developing or selecting among methodologies for the assessment of waters of**  
5 **the state pursuant to sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act**  
6 **(P.L. 92-500), as amended, including, but not limited to, methodologies for applying the nu-**  
7 **meric and narrative standards of quality and purity for waters of the state adopted by the**  
8 **Environmental Quality Commission by rule under ORS 468B.030, 468B.035 and 468B.048, and**  
9 **any numeric interpretation of narrative standards; and**

10 **“(b) Prior to publishing draft assessments of water bodies based on the methodologies**  
11 **developed or selected under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

12 **“(2) When carrying out the duties set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the depart-**  
13 **ment shall:**

14 **“(a) Solicit independent scientific and technical input, including scientific peer review as**  
15 **appropriate;**

16 **“(b) Provide adequate public notice and an opportunity for public comment on draft as-**  
17 **essment methodologies; and**

18 **“(c) Provide an informational overview of the draft assessment methodologies before the**  
19 **commission. The informational overview shall include:**

20 **“(A) A discussion of the scope of the assessment effort; and**

21 **“(B) A summary of key issues raised through scientific and technical review and public**  
22 **comments and a discussion of how the department proposes to address the key issues raised.**

23 **“(3) The commission shall provide an opportunity for public comment on the draft as-**  
24 **essment methodologies during the commission meeting described in subsection (2)(c) of this**  
25 **section.**

26 **“(4) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to affect the obligations of the depart-**  
27 **ment or the commission under ORS chapter 183 or ORS 468.020.”.**

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