

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 829**

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

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) When the Department of Environmental Quality**  
3 **develops methodologies for the assessment of waters of the state pur-**  
4 **suant to sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal Water Pollution**  
5 **Control Act (P.L. 92-500), as amended, including, but not limited to,**  
6 **methodologies for applying the numeric and narrative standards of**  
7 **quality and purity for waters of the state adopted by the Environ-**  
8 **mental Quality Commission by rule under ORS 468B.030, 468B.035 and**  
9 **468B.048, and any numeric interpretation of narrative standards, the**  
10 **department shall:**

11 **“(a) When developing or selecting among assessment methodol-**  
12 **ogies, and prior to developing assessments of water bodies based on**  
13 **those methodologies, solicit independent scientific and technical input,**  
14 **including scientific peer review as appropriate;**

15 **“(b) Provide adequate public notice and an opportunity for public**  
16 **comment on draft assessment methodologies; and**

17 **“(c) Provide an informational overview of the draft assessment**  
18 **methodologies at a hearing before the commission. The informational**  
19 **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 techni-**  
22 **cal review and public comments and a discussion of how the depart-**

1 **ment proposes to address the key issues raised.**

2 **“(2) The commission shall provide an opportunity for public com-**  
3 **ment on the draft assessment methodologies at the hearing described**  
4 **in subsection (1)(c) of this section.**

5 **“(3) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to affect the obli-**  
6 **gations of the department or the commission under ORS chapter 183**  
7 **or ORS 468.020.”.**

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