

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 829**

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

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

4 **“(a) When developing or selecting among methodologies for the as-**
5 **essment of waters of the state pursuant to sections 303(d) and 305(b)**
6 **of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500), as amended,**
7 **including, but not limited to, methodologies for applying the numeric**
8 **and narrative standards of quality and purity for waters of the state**
9 **adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission by rule under ORS**
10 **468B.030, 468B.035 and 468B.048, and any numeric interpretation of**
11 **narrative standards; and**

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

15 **“(2) When carrying out the duties set forth in subsection (1) of this**
16 **section, the department shall:**

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

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

21 **“(c) Provide an informational overview of the draft assessment**
22 **methodologies before the commission. The informational overview**

1 **shall include:**

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

3 **“(B) A summary of key issues raised through scientific and techni-**
4 **cal review and public comments and a discussion of how the depart-**
5 **ment proposes to address the key issues raised.**

6 **“(3) The commission shall provide an opportunity for public com-**
7 **ment on the draft assessment methodologies during the commission**
8 **meeting described in subsection (2)(c) of this section.**

9 **“(4) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to affect the obli-**
10 **gations of the department or the commission under ORS chapter 183**
11 **or ORS 468.020.”.**

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