

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits enforcement of residential irrigation requirements by homeowners association following: drought declaration by Governor; finding by Water Resources Commission that severe or continuing drought exists or is likely to occur; or local governing body or political subdivision adopts ordinance requiring conservation or curtailment of water use. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

(Proposed -1 Amendment) Clarifies prohibition is only unenforceable while finding or declaration is in effect. Clarifies a governing body adopting an ordinance that requires conservation or curtailment of water use would void irrigation requirements in planned community.

BACKGROUND:

This last year low snowpack and streamflows along with record high temperatures combined to create drought conditions across Oregon. By the end of this year's water year, September 30, 2015, 25 of Oregon's 36 counties had requested and received drought declarations from the Governor.

Senate Bill 1529 would prohibit the enforcement of residential irrigation requirements by a homeowners association following a finding or declaration of existing or likely drought conditions.