

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits enforcement of residential irrigation requirements by homeowners association following: 1) drought declaration by Governor; 2) finding by Water Resources Commission that severe or continuing drought exists or is likely to occur; or 3) governing body of political subdivision within which planned community is located adoption of ordinance that requires conservation or curtailment of water use. Stipulates irrigation requirement is only unenforceable while finding or declaration is in effect. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, Oregon experienced severe-to-extreme drought across the entire state. Twenty-five counties were subject to drought declarations, more than any other year since 1992, when a statewide declaration was issued.

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