House Bill 4012

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Authorizes issuance of lottery bonds to finance water storage and distribution projects.

Establishes Water Storage Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to Water Resources Department.

Establishes Dry Day Subaccount. Continuously appropriates moneys in subaccount to Water Resources Department.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to water; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4   <u>SECTION 1.</u> **(1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, at the request of the Water**

5 **Resources Department, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue lottery bonds pursuant to**

6 **ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in an amount that produces $_____ in net proceeds and interest**

7 **earnings for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section, plus an additional**

8 **amount estimated by the State Treasurer to be necessary to pay bond-related costs.**

9   **(2) Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section in an amount sufficient to**

10 **provide $_____ in net proceeds and interest earnings must be transferred to the Water**

11 **Resources Department for deposit in the Water Storage Fund, established in section 2 of this**

12 **2016 Act, to be used to plan, develop, construct and operate water storage projects and water**

13 **distribution projects in this state.**

14   **(3) The Legislative Assembly finds that investment in water storage projects and water**

15 **distribution projects will ameliorate the effects of drought, encourage economic development**

16 **in counties that suffer from drought or that may suffer from drought in the future, create**

17 **jobs and minimize job loss in the event of drought. The Legislative Assembly thereby finds**

18 **that the use of lottery bonds will create jobs and facilitate and encourage economic devel-**

19 **opment.**

20   **(4) As used in this section:**

21   **(a) "Water distribution project" means a project to supply water for the public benefit**

22 **to ameliorate the effects of drought.**

23   **(b) "Water storage project" means a project that will enhance the ability of the State of**

24 **Oregon to store water for future use.**

25   **SECTION 2. (1) The Water Storage Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate**

26 **and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Water Storage Fund shall be**

27 **credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys deposited in the fund under section 1 of**

28 **this 2016 Act and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the**

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1   **fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the fund.**

2   **(2) Of moneys deposited in the fund, 10 percent must be deposited in the Dry Day Sub-**

3   **account established in section 3 of this 2016 Act.**

4   **(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Water Resources Depart-**

5   **ment for the purposes described in section 1 of this 2016 Act.**

6   <u>**SECTION 3.**</u> **(1) The Dry Day Subaccount is established in the Water Storage Fund es-**

7   **tablished in section 2 of this 2016 Act. Interest earned by the subaccount shall be credited**

8   **to the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount are continuously appropriated to the Water**

9   **Resources Department to be used to plan, develop, construct and operate projects to supply**

10   **water for the public benefit to ameliorate the effects of drought.**

11   **(2) The department may accept grants, donations, contributions or gifts from any source**

12   **for deposit in the Dry Day Subaccount.**

13   <u>**SECTION 4.**</u> **This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

14   **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect**

15   **on its passage.**

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