

House Bill 3051

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUMMARY

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Expands permissible uses of Water Measurement Cost Share Program Revolving Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to water measurement cost sharing; amending ORS 536.021.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 536.021 is amended to read:

536.021. (1) The Water Measurement Cost Share Program Revolving Fund is established separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys in the Water Measurement Cost Share Program Revolving Fund are continuously appropriated to the Water Resources Department for the purposes described in this section.

(2) The fund established in this section consists of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and moneys gifted, bequested, donated or granted from any person for the purpose of installing, substantially repairing or replacing streamflow gauges, measuring devices or headgates with measuring devices.

(3) The department may use the moneys in the fund to contribute up to 75 percent of the moneys needed to install, substantially repair or replace a streamflow gauge, measuring device or headgate with a measuring device on authorized diversions [*on the waters of this state*] **or points of appropriation** where the gauge, measuring device or headgate will be used to protect in-stream flow or **existing water rights, measure ground water use or** [*to*] monitor water rights and streamflow.

(4) The department may receive funds from, and may enter into agreements or contracts with, any person for the purpose of implementing the Water Measurement Cost Share Program Revolving Fund.

(5) The department shall prioritize the expenditure of moneys from the fund for streamflow gauges, measuring devices and headgates with measuring devices in the following descending order:

(a) Installation.

(b) Replacement.

(c) Substantial repair.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.