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TO: House Interim Committee on Water

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SUBJECT: 2020 Committee LC Summaries

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LC 34 On-site Septic System Financing

Appropriates \$2,000,000 to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to award grants for developing and administering low-interest loans for the repair, replacement, upgrade, or evaluation of residential or small business on-site septic systems under ORS 454.779 and to cover administrative costs necessary to implement the same statute. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

LC 178 Harmful Algal Blooms

Directs the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to purchase one cyanotoxin autoanalyzer system and fill at least one seasonal position to collect and analyze water samples for cyanotoxins. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to create a position to conduct outreach to small water suppliers to ensure they have the plans, tools, and training needed to respond to harmful cyanobacterial algal blooms.

LC 205 Measurement and Reporting of Water Use

Makes legislative findings and declares water use data fundamental to water management, distribution, and planning for future water needs. Declares as state policy the active promotion of water use measurement and reporting and the encouragement of federal, state, and local government coordination and cooperation for water measurement and reporting. Authorizes Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD) to require reporting of water use measurements if WRD requires an entity to measure water use under a water right permit, certificate, limited license, decree, order of determination, or ground water registration established before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.