

HB 2979 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services beginning July, 1, 2019. Distributes appropriation to Association of Oregon Counties (Association) for use by the Association to contract with an independent third-party organization to provide technical assistance and information assisting landowners in complying with regulation and requirements related to planning, designing, monitoring and engaging in the replacement or repair of tide gates with opening size of four feet or smaller.

Declares emergency, effective July, 1 2019.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Specifies that Association of Oregon Counties (Association) may use appropriated moneys to obtain and manage contracted services with an independent third-party organization. Establishes that contracted third-party organizations may provide private landowners with coordination and interagency liaison services for replacement of tide gates. Establishes that services are provided for engaging in replacement or repair of tide gates. Establishes priority for tide gates with opening size of four feet or smaller.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), tide gates serve to drain tidelands for agricultural or other uses. During low tide, water flows from the drained area to a bay or estuary through the tide gate. At high tide, the level of water holds the door closed, stopping water flow back into the drained area. The Association of Oregon Counties, established in 1906, is a statewide organization representing Oregon's 36 counties.

House Bill 2979 would appropriate \$250,000 for distribution to the Association of Oregon Counties for provision of technical assistance and information to landowners for complying with certain requirements related to replacement or repair of tide gates with an opening size of four feet or smaller.