

**HB 3081 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 04/02/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments  
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$30,000 from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) beginning July 1, 2019. Requires DAS distribute \$30,000 to Klamath County to acquire and install stream gauges in Klamath Basin. Requires stream gauges be designed and installed in manner that allows accurate calculation of flow of stream being measured.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Water Resource Department stream gauges
- Accuracy of stream gauges

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Appropriates \$30,000 from General Fund. Requires DAS distribute \$30,000 to Klamath County.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), stream gauges measure the height of water surface in a stream or river, obtain periodic measurements of water discharge, and define the difference between the rivers height and discharge. USGS currently collects data from 13 stream gauges in Klamath County. The Oregon Water Resources Department manages and collects data from stream gauges around the state.

House Bill 3081 A would appropriate money from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to be distributed to Klamath County to acquire and install stream gauges in the Klamath Basin.