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House Bill 3326

Ordered by the House April 16
Including House Amendments dated April 16

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (at the request of Representative Ken Helm)

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.

[Declares harmful algal blooms to be menace to public health and welfare. Directs Oregon Health Authority to identify water sources susceptible to harmful algal blooms, monitor and test susceptible waters and develop protocol for advisory alerts.]

[Directs Department of Environmental Quality to develop response strategy to harmful algal blooms, produce and maintain relevant data, identify sources of pollutants and develop strategies to reduce pollutants.]

Appropriates moneys to Department of Environmental Quality [for purpose of carrying out duties under Act] to fund laboratory services for public water systems that are susceptible to hazardous algal blooms and to Oregon Health Authority to hire recreational hazardous algal bloom coordinator.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to water quality; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $983,919, which may be expended to fund laboratory services for public water systems that are susceptible to hazardous algal blooms.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $_______ for the purpose of hiring a recreational hazardous algal bloom coordinator.

SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect July 1, 2019.