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To: Members of the House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, and Water

From: Erin Pischke, LPRO Analyst

Re: Committee drafts for introduction on Wednesday, January 12, 2022

LC 164, dated 1/4/2022, authorizes the Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD) Director to petition for a warrant authorizing entry onto land or inspection. The measure requires individuals who own or operate a place that hauls water used for irrigation, nursery, or agricultural purposes to maintain records for at least 12 months and to provide records to WRD upon request. The measure also prohibits those individuals from soliciting or accepting hauled water from illegal source and prohibits them from making false verbal or written statements about hauling of water.

LC 164 instructs the Water Resources Commission to notify violators of the time allowed to correct violation within ten business days after the Commission becomes aware of the violation. The measure provides that the civil penalty for certain water resources violations may not exceed \$5,000 per day for each day of violation. For water resources violations related to crop plants in the Cannabis family Cannabaceae, the civil penalty may not exceed \$20,000 per day for each day of violation or the economic value of crop, whichever is greater. The measure provides that certain violations related to water resources are Class A misdemeanors, that each day of violation constitutes separate offense, and that the maximum fine is \$25,000.

LC 114, dated 12/30/21, authorizes the Sustainability Board to hire employees to perform, coordinate, and facilitate activities related to federal funding opportunities that support natural resource programs and policies, including but not limited to: 1) identifying, tracking, and raising awareness about relevant federal funding opportunities; 2) providing guidance, training, and technical assistance to help potential applicants pursue and obtain federal support; 3) promoting interagency coordination regarding relevant funding needs and requests; 4) developing and maintaining clear needs assessments that grant applicants can use to support requests for federal investment in this state; 5) seeking to ensure clean compliance audits through responsible

management and training on tracking and reporting; and 6) promoting availability of state matching dollars necessary to obtain federal funds.

LC 207, dated 1/6/22, authorizes Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish by rule types or classes of licenses or certificates for persons using pesticides. The measure allows ODA, when adopting rules, to establish the scope of activities allowed by the type or class of license or certificate, and the minimum qualifications and fees for issuance or renewal. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.