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

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Subject: Summary of potential 2023 committee legislative concepts

- LC 1044 Appropriates \$1.5 million General Fund moneys to the Water Resources Department for facilitation and engagement concerning the Umatilla River Basin water rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. (Dated 11/15/2022).
- LC 1056 Provides that a municipal corporation or people's utility district may apply to the Water Resources Department for a certificate to use water for hydroelectric purposes within an artificial delivery system, even if they are not the holder of the underlying water right, provided that they obtain authorization from the holder of the underlying water right. (Dated 12/5/2022).
- LC 1458 Requires the Oregon State University Extension Service and College of Agricultural Sciences, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon wastewater service providers, to study the fate and transport of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) found in biosolids that are applied to agricultural fields across Oregon, and to submit a report to the legislature by September 15, 2025. (Dated 11/4/2022).
- LC 1492 Creates the Oregon Soil Health Initiative to promote and support farming and ranching systems and other forms of land management, and to improve soil health through voluntary incentive-based soil health strategies. Establishes the functions and duties of specified agencies and other collaborating entities. Directs the Institute for Natural Resources to convene and staff the Soil Health Advisory Committee to advise collaborating entities on the work of the Initiative, and to develop a Soil Health Roadmap of strategies to advance soil health. Appropriates General Fund moneys. (Dated 11/15/2022).

- LC 1895 Directs the Water Resources Department to study drought. (Dated 10/3/2022).
- LC 2356 Establishes a regional solutions infrastructure director within the Regional Solutions Program, an Infrastructure Council and Infrastructure Navigator Program within the office of the Governor, an Interagency Coordination Advisory Committee, a grant program under the Oregon Business Development Department for priority infrastructure projects and an associated Priority Infrastructure Project Fund, and an Infrastructure Technical Assistance Fund. Appropriates General Fund moneys. (Dated 12/5/2022).
- LC 2364 Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), in consultation with the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC), to establish a farmworker outreach program for distribution of educational materials to farmworkers and coordination among public bodies to improve the effectiveness of farmworker pesticide incident reporting, tracking, and responses. Requires ODA and PARC to collaborate with Oregon State University to develop culturally sensitive education and training for pesticide applicators who are nonnative English speakers of members of a minority group. Appropriates \$1 million General Fund moneys. (Dated 12/2/2022).
- LC 2624 Directs the Department of Environmental Quality, in consultation with relevant state agencies and interested parties, to study the expansion of water reuse or recycled water programs and projects in Oregon, and to submit a final report to the legislature by September 15, 2024. (Dated 12/5/2022).
- LC 2662 Directs the Oregon State University Extension Service and Oregon State University Agricultural Experiment Station to establish a voluntary, nonregulatory, and incentive-based agricultural water management technical assistance program. Directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Department to jointly perform various tasks related to agricultural water management technical assistance, and to submit a biennial progress report to the legislature. (Dated 11/28/2022).
- LC 3262 Directs the Water Resources Department to study water management in the Chewaucan River watershed. (Dated 10/24/2022).
- LC 3288 Establishes to Public Drinking Water and Sewer Ratepayer Assistance Fund. Directs the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to provide grants from moneys in the fund to qualified organizations to distribute water and sewer bill payment assistance to low-income residential households. Appropriates \$15 million General Fund moneys. (Dated 10/26/2022).
- LC 3313 Establishes certain requirements concerning the integrated state water resources strategy, and establishes the Integrated State Water Resources Strategy Advisory Committee to advise the Water Resources Commission and Water Resources Department on implementing and updating the strategy (Dated 11/10/2022).
- LC 3456 Creates an Interagency Water Officer in the office of the Governor and specifies position responsibilities. Establishes the Strategic Water Management Council and describes the duties of the council. (Dated 11/22/2022).