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## SUMMARY

Directs Water Resources Department to establish grant program for purposes of providing grants for abandonment, repair or replacement of certain water wells.

Establishes Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Revolving Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to department for specified purposes.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for funding positions related to water wells and establishing grant program for purpose of providing grants for abandonment, repair or replacement of certain water wells.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to water wells; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Water Resources Department shall establish by rule a grant program for purposes of providing grants for the abandonment, repair or replacement of water wells:**

**(a) That, due to construction deficiencies, may contribute to declines in ground water levels or may serve as a conduit for contamination or otherwise be a detriment to public health and safety; or**

**(b) That are in areas of declining ground water levels where other sources of water are not feasible.**

**(2) In administering the program, the department:**

**(a) Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant and a process for applying for a grant; and**

**(b) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department**

1 on the use of the grant funds.

2 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Re-  
3 placement Revolving Fund is established, separate and distinct from  
4 the General Fund. When requested by the Water Resources Director,  
5 the Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall draw a war-  
6 rant in favor of the Water Resources Department from funds appro-  
7 priated or otherwise made available to the Water Resources  
8 Department for purposes consistent with this section for deposit into  
9 the revolving fund. Moneys deposited into the revolving fund are con-  
10 tinuously appropriated to the Water Resources Department for use as  
11 provided in section 1 of this 2021 Act. The revolving fund may not ex-  
12 ceed the aggregate sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, including unreimbursed disburse-  
13 ments.

14 (2) The Water Resources Department may solicit or accept moneys  
15 for deposit into the revolving fund from any private or public sources  
16 for use by the department for purposes consistent with this section.

17 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Water Resources Depart-  
18 ment, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General  
19 Fund:

20 (1) The amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of funding positions for  
21 a well construction compliance reviewer, well construction specialist  
22 and well specialist; and

23 (2) The amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of carrying out the pro-  
24 visions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

25 **SECTION 4.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-  
26 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-  
27 clared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.

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