In line 2 of the printed bill, delete “prescribing an effective date” and insert “declaring an emergency”.

Delete lines 4 through 11 and insert:

“SECTION 1. The Water Resources Department shall provide staff support to work through complex water basin issues and help implement agency priorities in priority water basins, including but not limited to the Deschutes River and Willamette River basins and other water basins determined by the department.

“SECTION 2. To develop short-term and long-term mitigation commitments that implement agreements developed through the Columbia River-Umatilla Solutions Task Force Declaration of Cooperation signed in 2012, the office of the Governor shall work with the Regional Solutions Program to convene and support a bi-state task force that includes, at minimum, the office of the Governor, state representatives from Oregon and Washington, affected federal agencies, affected state agencies, local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, academic institutions and a balanced representation of water stakeholders, such as water users and conservation organizations.

“SECTION 3. (1) The chair of the Water Resources Commission, or a designee of the chair, and two members of the House Committee on Water designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall co-convene a Regional Water Planning and Management Task Force that is charged with developing an agreed-upon framework and path forward for state-supported water planning and management at the level of the water region or basin.

“(2) In consultation with a neutral facilitation team, the co-conveners shall:

“(a) Determine, and state in a charter, the composition, purpose and decision-making processes of the task force. The task force must include, at minimum, legislators, state agencies related to water, federally recognized Indian tribes, local governments and other members that represent a balance of interests, both in-stream and out-of-stream, and a balance of water region and basin interests.

“(b) Appoint members of the task force.

“(3) To manage task force processes, the task force shall use a neutral facilitator provided by the Oregon Consensus program of the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University. The processes must be designed to build on and integrate with the state integrated water resources strategy and the 100-year water investment vision.

“(4) In developing the agreed-upon framework and path forward, the task force must examine:

“(a) The structure and approach of state-supported regional water planning and implementation in other states;
“(b) The data and information, capacity and investments that are needed to support re-
4 gional water planning and implementation;
5 “(c) The readiness of water basins and agencies related to water to support regional wa-
6 ter planning and management with existing resources and whether additional resources are
7 needed;
8 “(d) Any potential barriers and existing opportunities for pursuing regional approaches
9 to water planning and management;
10 “(e) Existing water laws and policies that support regional approaches to water planning
11 and management;
12 “(f) The status, assets and needs of each water basin in this state; and
13 “(g) Any lessons learned and recommendations resulting from existing efforts to imple-
14 ment regional water planning and management.
15 “(5) The task force shall periodically report to the House Committee on Water on the
16 progress and recommendations of the task force.
17 “(6) On or before September 15, 2022, the task force shall submit to the commission and
18 the House Committee on Water a report that includes recommendations regarding:
19 “(a) The foundational technical information that is needed to support regional water
20 planning and management, both in-stream and out-of-stream;
21 “(b) An agreed-upon structure and approach for state-supported regional water planning
22 and management designed to be responsive to and meet both in-stream and out-of-stream
23 needs, as well as a path forward for implementation;
24 “(c) Any potential modifications to existing laws or rules that are needed to clarify the
25 agreed-upon structure, approach and support for state-supported regional water planning and
26 management; and
27 “(d) Near-term funding requests and long-term funding strategies to support regional
28 water planning and management, including funding for regions and funding for positions at
29 state agencies to provide support and assistance related to regional water planning and
30 management.
31 “(7) The Water Resources Department and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
32 shall provide staff support to the task force.
33 “(8) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
34 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
35 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the task force considers
36 necessary to perform task force duties.
37 “SECTION 4. (1) The Water Resources Department shall award grants to federally re-
38 cognized Indian tribes in this state and county governments that are interested in convening
39 community water forums with local partners in the private and nonprofit sectors.
40 “(2) The funded tribes and county governments may decide to pool resources and organ-
41 ize around shared hydrologic boundaries.
42 “(3) The purpose of community water forums is to encourage stakeholders representing
43 diverse water interests to:
44 “(a) Identify water needs by engaging all stakeholders;
45 “(b) Listen to and learn from one another regarding in-stream and out-of-stream water
46 needs and challenges of different water interests, including water quantity, water quality,
47 watershed health, built infrastructure, water use, conservation opportunities and vulner-
abilities and data gaps;

“(c) Build trust and relationships around shared water interests;

“(d) Determine what work has been done at the local level to support implementation of

actions recommended in the 2017 state integrated water resources strategy and what support

is needed to continue to make progress;

“(e) Provide input to the 2022 update of the state integrated water resources strategy and

the 100-year water investment vision;

“(f) Identify technical information or assistance needed to support future planning and

action, which may inform the reports described in section 3 of this 2021 Act;

“(g) Inform the proceedings of the Regional Water Planning and Management Task

Force; and

“(h) Generally build awareness of and support for increased water-related investments.

“(4) The community water forums must:

“(a) Be conducted in an impartial way;

“(b) Have a consistent process to allow for all communities to have the opportunity to

contribute to the conversation in a similar fashion and combine recommendations that have

statewide applicability and allow for the identification of similar themes across this state;

and

“(c) Be advertised and open to all interested stakeholders.

“(5) Persons who convene the community water forums must identify and invite to the

forums a balanced representation of interests, including both in-stream and out-of-stream

interests.

“(6) The forums must result in a description of the status, assets and needs of areas

without any associated ranking or priority.

“(7) In coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Watershed

Enhancement Board, State Department of Agriculture, State Department of Fish and

Wildlife and Water Resources Department, the Association of Oregon Counties shall provide

staff support related to community water forums to assist with consistent design format,

technical issues and organizing.

“SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-

priated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of

the General Fund, the amounts of:

“(1) $450,000 for carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

“(2) $600,000 for purposes related to the Regional Water Planning and Management Task

Force described in section 3 of this 2021 Act.

“(3) $550,000 for awarding grants described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

“(4) $150,000 for distribution to the Association of Oregon Counties for purposes related
to carrying out the provisions of section 4 of this 2021 Act.

“SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-

priated to the office of the Governor, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the

General Fund, the amount of $500,000 for distribution to the Regional Solutions Program for

carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2021 Act.

“SECTION 7. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-

priated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning

July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $200,000 for distribution to the Oregon
Consensus program of the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government of Portland State University, for purposes related to the Regional Water Planning and Management Task Force described in section 3 of this 2021 Act.

“SECTION 8. Sections 1 to 4 of this 2021 Act are repealed on June 30, 2023.

“SECTION 9. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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