

3-4-2021, 8 a.m. – House Bill 2018 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER

Does the Water Resource Department (WRD) not have the data already? After all WRD is responsible for potable water, regulation and issuing water and irrigation permits all in their realm of WRD function, correct? State WRD has data and impact reports, if not the county does, and then if county doesn't have the data cities within that county do. Creating a monster expense, I have looked at the U.S. Geologic and Water maps, it's published free and there is a considerable amount of data in the USGS

(<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>), "Water Resources Department : Water Use Reporting : Water Use Reporting : State of Oregon" (<https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/programs/WaterRights/Reporting/WUR/Pages/default.aspx>), and "Water Resources of the United States—National Water Information System (NWIS) Mapper" (<https://maps.waterdata.usgs.gov/mapper/index.html>)

Spent probably less than a minute to find these links for water information, does that lead me to believe that the agencies within this state cannot do the work that taxpayers support with state revenue generated by its citizens? HB 2018 does not have a Revenue Impact Statement, Fiscal Impact Statement, Budget Report and/or Staff Measure Summary. Additionally there is no end date therefore HB 2018 will consume revenues for this study indefinitely?

Apparently not because HB 2018 wants to spend revenue for "peer-reviewed" statewide report between 1984 and 2019 {per HB 208 for organized readability of the study the Bill states:

A.)Water Resources Department will initiate cost-matching agreement with U.S. Geological Survey to develop and publish ground water budgets for all major hydrologic basins in this state.

B.)Contract for a person to produce a peer-reviewed statewide report between 1984 and 2019:

- 1.consumptive water use
- 2.historical irrigation water use
- 3.estimates open water evaporation from all major reservoirs
- 4.Establish a comprehensive ground water level monitoring network of ground water use
- 5.Measure progress in estimating and monitoring ground water levels and ground water use:
 - (a) Publishing reports that quantify ground water recharge for all major hydrologic basins
 - (b) Mapping statewide datasets of quantified open water evaporation from major reservoirs
 - (c) Collect and process data of baseline ground water levels and use
 - (d) Assess the time and cost of conducting ground water basin studies
 - (e) Assess water management in major hydrologic basins on a priority basis