

HB 3222 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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Meeting Dates: 3/2, 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$2 million General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the High Desert Partnership to design and implement projects related to wet meadow, wetland, and lake conditions at specific locations in Harney County as well as for project-related research, public engagement, and support of collaborative partnerships. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Harney Basin, located in Harney County, includes several wetlands that are considered an important rest stop for international migratory birds. The High Desert Partnership is a community-based nonprofit organization involved in the coordination of the Harney Basin Wetland Initiative whose focus is on the management and conservation of wetland dependent fish and wildlife species in Malheur Lake and adjacent wetlands.

House Bill 3222 would appropriate \$2 million General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the High Desert Partnership for projects related to specific wetlands.