

**HB 3321 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

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

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/9

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to coordinate and consult with county environmental health agencies to study the needs and vulnerabilities of county-regulated small community water systems and submit a report to water-related interim committees of the legislature by December 31, 2024. Authorizes OHA to provide funding to county governments to assist with the study. Appropriates \$2 million General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the Oregon Association of Water Utilities to design and construct a water utility training center and to fund two staff members to provide technical, financial, and managerial support and resources to individuals.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A community water system (CWS) supplies water to the same population year-round. It serves at least 25 people at their primary residences or at least 15 residences that are primary residences. In Oregon, small water systems are required to have an operator with a small water system (SWS) operator certification, which can be obtained from OHA after a one-day training course and the completion of an exam.

House Bill 3321 would direct OHA to study small community water systems and to report findings to water-related interim committees of the legislature by December 31, 2024. The measure would also appropriate \$2 million General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Oregon Association of Water Utilities to establish a water utility training center and associated staff.