

HB 3100 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the **Integrated State Water Resources Strategy Advisory Committee** (advisory committee) to advise on and support the implementation of the integrated state water resources strategy (IWRS) Specifies **responsibilities** of the advisory committee. Requires the Water Resources Commission to determine the number of **advisory committee members**, appoint them based on specified criteria, and establish the committee's operation requirements. Requires the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to provide support staff for the committee. Includes the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) in the agencies tasked with the development of the IWRS and an ongoing forecast of Oregon's in-stream and out-of-stream water needs. Adds irrigated agriculture to the **included categories** of these water needs and the informing of recommended actions at multiple scales to the purposes of the ongoing forecast. Requires the **IWRS to additionally describe** critical water issues at the state level and within water basins across the state, plans and actions concerning water-related natural hazards, IWRS implementation, provisions to communicate with the public and to partner with tribes to implement recommended actions, specified implementation plans at various scales, and methods to support implementation of priority actions. Includes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in the **agencies whose functions and roles must be described** in the IWRS. Requires OWRD to prioritize and implement actions recommended by the IWRS by coordinating with implementing partners, the advisory committee, DEQ, ODA, and ODFW to develop a **biennial work plan** informed by biennial listening sessions. Increases the **required interval in which the IWRS must be reviewed** and updated from five to at least 10 years. Requires OWRD to **biennially report** to a water or natural resources related interim committee of the legislature on implementation and efficacy of the IWRS and any policy changes or investments needed to facilitate further implementation.

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:

-3 Removes provisions that would establish the Integrated State Water Resources Strategy Advisory Committee. Directs the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to additionally cooperate with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board when developing the integrated state water resources strategy (IWRS). Removes informing recommended actions at multiple scales from the purposes of the ongoing water needs forecast. Requires the IWRS to additionally describe provisions to promote meaningful engagement with environmental justice communities, to promote partnerships with tribes and public bodies to implement recommended actions as appropriate, how the IWRS will be implemented at multiple scales in a balanced, equitable and integrated manner, how to support implementation of priority actions recommended in other state-developed or state-recognized plans, provisions to achieve interagency coordination and coordination with federal agencies and neighbor states, and processes of biennial work plan development and implementation coordination. Requires to Oregon Water Resources commission to give notice to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the Oregon Board of Agriculture, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and any other agencies referenced in the IWRS

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prior to adopting or revising the strategy. Reduces the required interval in which the IWRS must be reviewed and updated from at least every 10 to at least every eight years. Amends contents OWRD's biennial reporting requirement. Directs all agencies to assist OWRD and furnish information as necessary to develop, updated, and implement the IWRS and develop the associated biennial report.

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

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

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) was adopted in 2012 based on House Bill 3369 (2009). Its aim is to provide a statewide interagency framework to better understand and meet Oregon's in-stream and out-of-stream water needs, including water quality, water quantity, and ecosystem needs. A second iteration was adopted 2017 based on the requirement for the IWRS to be updated every five years.

House Bill 3100 would establish the Integrated State Water Resources Strategy Advisory Committee to advise the Water Resources Commission and the Oregon Water Resources Department on matters related to the IWRS and add certain requirements to the strategy.