

HB 3343 -1, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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Meeting Dates: 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Water Resources Department to study the sustainable management of ground water and submit a report to a water related interim committee of the legislature by September 15, 2024.

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:

-1 Replaces the measure. Establishes the Ground Water Quality Advisory committee (advisory committee) and requires the Oregon Department of Environment to, in consultation with the advisory committee, contract for an evaluation of the effectiveness, adequacy and implementations of certain provisions related to ground water management and submit a report to a water related committee or interim committee of the legislature by November 1, 2024. Specifies membership requirements, operational procedures, and responsibilities of the advisory committee. Sunsets January 2, 2023. Appropriates \$275,000 General Fund moneys to the Department of Environmental Quality. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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

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

-3 Replaces the Measure. Modifies qualification requirements to receive a water well constructor's license to only require evidence that a person has completed certain kinds of professional welding training if the evidence is required under rules adopted by the Oregon Water Resources Commission that are based on the type of well for which the water well constructor is qualified.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3343 requires the Oregon Water Resources Department to study the sustainable management of ground water.