

HB 3100 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

Action Date: 03/23/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Boice, Gamba, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McLain, Owens, Scharf

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 3/14, 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to the list of agencies tasked with the development of the Integrated Water Resources Strategy (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 that IWRS also describe: critical water issues at the state level and within water basins across the state; plans and actions concerning water-related natural hazards; provisions to engage with the public, promote meaningful engagement with environmental justice communities, and promote partnerships with tribes and public bodies to implement recommended actions as appropriate; specified implementation plans at various scales in a balanced, equitable and integrated manner; methods to support implementation of priority actions; provisions to achieve interagency coordination and coordination with federal agencies and neighbor states; and processes of biennial work plan development and implementation coordination. Revises list of entities that Water Resources Commission must notify prior to adopting or revising the IWRS. Changes from every five years to every eight years the interval of IWRS review and update. Requires Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to biennially report to a water- or natural resources-related interim legislative committee on IWRS implementation and efficacy and any policy changes or investments needed to facilitate further implementation. Directs all agencies to assist OWRD and furnish information as necessary to develop, update, and implement the IWRS and develop the associated biennial report.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of the IWRS
- Timeline of future updates to the IWRS
- History of IWRS updates

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3369 (2009) directed the Oregon Water Resources Department, in cooperation with other state agencies, to develop an Oregon Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS). The first IWRS was adopted in 2012 and an updated strategy was adopted in 2017. The purpose of the IWRS 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.

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House Bill 3100 A would add certain requirements to the IWRS, increase the interval that the IWRS must be reviewed and updated from five to at least every eight years and require the Oregon Water Resources Department to biennially report to a water- or natural resources-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly on implementation and efficacy of the IWRS and any policy changes or investments needed to facilitate further implementation.