

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2929

Ordered by the House April 7
Including House Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Representative MARSH; Representatives EVANS, GAMBA (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Authorizes Water Resources Department to seek injunctive relief if person has engaged, or is about to engage, in activity that is or will be violation of certain water laws. **Sunsets injunctive authority on January 2, 2030.**

Instructs department to report, on or before September 15, 2028, to committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to water on department's use of injunctive authority.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the enforcement of water laws.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. If the Water Resources Department has information that a person has en-**
5 **gaged in any activity that is in violation of ORS 537.130, 537.535, 540.710 or 540.720, in addition**
6 **to any other available remedies, the department may apply to the Circuit Court for Marion**
7 **County, or to the circuit court for any county in which the activity has occurred, for a**
8 **temporary or permanent injunction requiring the person to:**

9 (1) **Refrain from the activity; and**

10 (2) **Take any actions necessary to remedy the violation or any threat to water supplies,**
11 **public health or public safety resulting from the violation.**

12 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.**

13 **SECTION 3. (1) On or before September 15, 2028, the Water Resources Department shall**
14 **report, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245, to a committee or interim committee of the**
15 **Legislative Assembly related to water on the department's use of injunctive authority pur-**
16 **suant to section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

17 (2) **The report must describe, but need not be limited to describing, the frequency of the**
18 **department's pursuit of injunctions pursuant to section 1 of this 2023 Act and the outcomes**
19 **of applying for, and being granted, injunctions pursuant to section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

20 **SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.