House Bill 3130
Sponsored by Representatives OWENS, HELM; Senator FINDLEY

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 as introduced.

Appropriates moneys to Water Resources Department to fund staff position, or contract for services, related to voluntary agreements among ground water users from same reservoir. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to voluntary agreements among ground water users; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $______, which may be expended for funding a staff position at the department, or contracting with a qualified entity, to:

(1) Advise local communities concerning voluntary agreements among ground water users from the same ground water reservoir, as described in ORS 537.745;
(2) Assist the communities with development of the voluntary agreements; and
(3) Assess the opportunities and limitations of the voluntary agreements.

SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.