House Bill 3228

Sponsored by Representative SMITH G

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.

Authorizes holder of water right certificate that authorizes storage of water to change point of diversion without losing priority of right under certain circumstances.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to transfer applications; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. A holder of a water right certificate that authorizes the storage of water may change the point of diversion, as described in ORS 540.510 (1)(a), without losing priority of the right if:

(1) The transfer application is filed on or before December 31, 2023; and

(2) The proposed new point of diversion is downstream from the existing point of diversion and is being transferred from federal lands.

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.

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.

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