

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3321

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
WATER

March 27

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**
3 **riated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning**
4 **July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,500,000, for purposes of implementing**
5 **section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall enter into a**
7 **contract with the Oregon Association of Water Utilities to implement this section. The con-**
8 **tract must include, but need not be limited to, a provision requiring the association to:**

9 **“(a) Perform, or enter into a contract with a third party to perform, a study of the needs**
10 **and vulnerabilities of small and very small community water systems, including but not**
11 **limited to the following topics:**

12 **“(A) Water supply reliability.**

13 **“(B) Source and treated water quality.**

14 **“(C) Utility board and operations management.**

15 **“(D) Infrastructure.**

16 **“(E) Droughts, floods and earthquakes.**

17 **“(F) Funding, financial stability and water rates.**

18 **“(G) Regulations and safe drinking water standards.**

19 **“(H) Opportunities for emergency interties, system consolidation and regionalization.**

20 **“(b) Design and construct a water utility training center to provide technical, financial**
21 **and managerial support and resources to individuals, including support and resources related**
22 **to:**

23 **“(A) Water supply reliability.**

24 **“(B) Source and treated water quality.**

25 **“(C) Utility board and operations management.**

26 **“(D) Infrastructure.**

27 **“(E) Droughts, floods and earthquakes.**

28 **“(F) Funding, financial stability and water rates.**

29 **“(G) Regulations and safe drinking water standards.**

30 **“(H) Applying for and managing funds associated with state and federal funding pro-**
31 **grams.**

32 **“(I) Assessing and supporting opportunities for emergency interties, system consolidation**
33 **and regionalization.**

34 **“(c) Hire and employ one training specialist and two technical assistance providers to**
35 **provide support and resources to address the needs and vulnerabilities of small and very**

1 small community water systems in this state.

2 “(d) Consult with the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Environmental Qual-
3 ity, the Water Resources Department, county environmental health departments and county
4 emergency managers in designing the parameters of the study described in paragraph (a) of
5 this subsection.

6 “(e) Submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees
7 of the Legislative Assembly related to water no later than December 31, 2024.

8 “(2) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall distribute moneys to the
9 Oregon Association of Water Utilities for the purposes of carrying out subsection (1) of this
10 section.

11 “(3) The Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Environmental Quality and the
12 Water Resources Department shall cooperate with the Oregon Association of Water Utilities,
13 and provide to the association any data or information requested by the association, in im-
14 plementing this section.

15 “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.”.
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