

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3575

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

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 541.669 is amended to read:

3 “541.669. (1) The Water Resources Commission shall adopt rules establishing a system for scor-  
4 ing and ranking projects to determine which projects are to be awarded loans and grants from the  
5 Water Supply Development Account, including but not limited to the application of minimum criteria  
6 designed to achieve the outcomes described in ORS 541.677. The criteria shall be based on the public  
7 benefit categories described in ORS 541.673. The commission shall make the loan and grant funding  
8 decisions [*once*] **at least twice** each year. Applications must be filed with the Water Resources De-  
9 partment. The department shall accept an application for a loan or grant at any time, but shall es-  
10 tablish [*a yearly deadline*] **a separate deadline** for the [*consideration of a pool*] **filing** of applications  
11 **before each time the commission makes loan and grant funding decisions.**

12 “(2) The department shall conduct a preliminary review of applications to check for complete-  
13 ness, eligibility and minimum requirements upon receipt of each application. The department shall  
14 return incomplete applications to the applicant. The department shall provide public notice by  
15 posting new funding applications on the department’s website for a 60-day period prior to reviewing  
16 the applications. The department shall provide for the receipt of public comment on the applications  
17 during the 60-day period that applications are posted on the department’s website.

18 “(3) The department shall forward applications that have passed preliminary review, along with  
19 any comments received from applicants or the public, to a technical review team consisting of rep-  
20 resentatives of the Water Resources Department, the Department of Environmental Quality, the  
21 State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Business  
22 Development Department, affected Indian tribes, any collaborative body established by the Governor  
23 to address challenges, opportunities and priorities for the region affected by the project and addi-  
24 tional experts as determined by the Water Resources Department. The technical review team shall  
25 conduct the initial scoring and ranking for the projects described in the applications, consider  
26 comments from applicants and the public and make loan and grant funding recommendations to the  
27 commission. The commission shall determine the final scoring and ranking of projects and make the  
28 final decision regarding which projects are awarded loans or grants from the account. Before the  
29 commission makes a final decision on an application, the commission shall offer one additional op-  
30 portunity for public comment.

31 “(4) The commission is not required to obligate all available account moneys during a funding  
32 cycle. Any available account moneys that are not obligated during a funding cycle shall be carried  
33 forward and be made available for projects in future funding cycles.

34 “(5) The department shall document the ranking of all applications and make the application  
35 ranking publicly available after the funding decisions by the commission have been published.”

