A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to the financial administration of the Water Resources Department; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There are appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:

1. Administrative services .......... $ 11,791,180
2. Field services ...................... $ 21,709,810
3. Water rights and adjudications .......... $ 5,097,469
4. Technical services .................. $ 15,675,839
5. Director’s office .................... $ 12,871,815

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of $15,073,140 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Water Resources Department for debt service.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and including federal funds received under cooperative agreements with or contracts from the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Geological Survey, the Bonneville Power Administration and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds not described in this section, collected or received by the Water Resources Department.

Note: For budget, see 2023-2025 Biennial Budget
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.
Department, for the following purposes:

(1) Administrative services .......... $ 2,139,346
(2) Field services ......................... $ 2,961,408
(3) Water rights and
   adjudications .......................... $ 4,286,335
(4) Technical services.................... $ 3,559,895
(5) Director’s office ........................ $ 77,568,389

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from federal funds other than those described in section 3 of this 2023 Act, collected or received by the Water Resources Department, for the following purposes:

(1) Administrative services .......... $ 25,000
(2) Field services ......................... $ 75,000
(3) Water rights and
   adjudications .......................... $ 25,000
(4) Technical services.................... $ 553,315
(5) Director’s office ........................ $ 25,000

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses by the Water Resources Department from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the Water Resources Department, for the following purposes:

(1) Grant to Umatilla County
    for the Ordnance Regional
    Water Infrastructure Project... $ 6,000,000
(2) Place-based planning
    activities .............................. $ 800,000
(3) Assistance to local
    governments with meeting
    fish passage requirements
    for dam upgrade projects....... $ 500,000
(4) Support for the water
    measurement cost-share
    program .............................. $ 1,000,000
(5) Supplement fee-based services
    pending development of
    sustainable, long-term
    funding mechanisms .......... $ 1,500,000
(6) Provision of contracted
    services to perform flood
    methodology and inundation
    assessments for dams and
    engineering analyses on dams .. $ 2,500,000
(7) Purchase and deployment of
The amount of $1,000,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Water Resources Department from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the Water Resources Department and deposited in the Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund established in ORS 537.766, for the purpose of carrying out the program purposes described in ORS 537.767.

SECTION 7. 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 July 1, 2023.