House Bill 5043

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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 from General Fund to Water Resources Department for biennial expenses. Limits biennial expenditures by department from certain lottery moneys. Limits biennial expenditures for certain purposes from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and specified federal funds, but excluding lottery funds and other federal funds, collected or received by department. Limits biennial expenditures by department from other federal funds. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

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 ......... $ 10,259,906
(2) Field services ......................... $ 19,733,022
(3) Water rights and adjudications ............... $ 5,190,563
(4) Technical services ................. $ 15,197,290
(5) Director's office ..................... $ 13,669,763

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, for the following purposes:

(1) Administrative services .......... $ 2,065,197
(2) Field services ....................... $ 3,175,681

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.
(3) Water rights and adjudications $  4,082,465
(4) Technical services $  8,736,305
(5) Director's office $ 95,731,607

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 amount of $6,000,000 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 for a grant to Umatilla County for the Ordnance Regional Water Infrastructure Project.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of $800,000 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 for place-based planning.

SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, 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 the Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund established in ORS 537.766.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of $500,000 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 for assistance to local governments with meeting fish passage requirements for dam upgrade projects.

SECTION 9. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of $1,500,000 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 to supplement fee-based services pending development of sustainable, long-term funding mechanisms.

SECTION 10. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of $2,500,000 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 for the provision of contracted services to perform flood methodology and inundation assessments for dams and engineering analyses on dams.

SECTION 11. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of $2,600,000 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 for the purchase and deployment of surface
and ground water data collection equipment.

SECTION 12. 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.

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