Senate Bill 949

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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.

Authorizes ports to assess public bodies for share of costs of removing sediment from port waters.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to ports.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 777.

SECTION 2. (1) A port may assess one or more public bodies for the costs of removing sediment from port waters.

(2) A port may assess a public body under this section only if the public body owns or controls a culvert, creek or other watercourse that discharged into port waters during the calendar year prior to the calendar year in which the assessment is made.

(3) A port may assess public bodies under this section no more than once per calendar year. The assessment to a public body may not exceed an amount equal to a fraction, the numerator of which is the actual cost incurred by the port for removing sediment in the prior calendar year and the denominator of which is one plus the number of public bodies being assessed.

(4) A public body assessed under this section shall promptly remit to the port the amount assessed.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) “Port waters” means waters owned or controlled by the port making an assessment under this section.

(b) “Public body” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.

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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