

Requested by Representative OWENS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 3099**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “watershed” insert “; and declaring an  
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) Oregon Consensus at Portland State University  
5 and Oregon State University shall establish a collaborative process for:**

6 **“(a) Developing a shared understanding of water management in  
7 the Chewaucan River watershed; and**

8 **“(b) Identifying broadly supported actions related to the Chewaucan  
9 River watershed that will:**

10 **“(A) Strive to meet in-stream and out-of-stream water needs, in-  
11 cluding needs for agricultural operations, communities, Lake Abert,  
12 wet meadows and fish and wildlife;**

13 **“(B) Improve the ecological health of Lake Abert and the entire  
14 Chewaucan River watershed; and**

15 **“(C) Balance social, economic and environmental benefits and im-  
16 pacts.**

17 **“(2) The process must:**

18 **“(a) Be guided by a governance agreement that describes conditions  
19 for participation and how decisions will be made;**

20 **“(b) Be developed in collaboration with a balanced representation  
21 of in-stream and out-of-stream water interests;**

1       “(c) Balance current and future in-stream and out-of-stream water  
2 needs;

3       “(d) Promote contemplation of actions that are consistent with the  
4 state water resources policy and water-related state laws;

5       “(e) Facilitate the development of implementable solutions;

6       “(f) Be developed through an open and transparent process that  
7 fosters public participation; and

8       “(g) Be developed in consultation with the Department of Environ-  
9 mental Quality, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the  
10 Water Resources Department.

11       “(3) The process may not delay or preclude the activities of agen-  
12 cies, including applying for in-stream water rights, regulating water  
13 use, managing water rights, collecting water-related data and per-  
14 forming technical analyses.

15       “SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
16 ation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating  
17 Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the Gen-  
18 eral Fund, the amount of \$350,000, of which \$200,000 must be distrib-  
19 uted to Oregon Consensus at Portland State University and \$150,000  
20 must be distributed to Oregon State University, which shall be ex-  
21 pended for the purposes described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

22       “SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
23 ation, there is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for  
24 the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the  
25 amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, for distribution to the Lake County Umbrella  
26 Watershed Council, which shall award moneys to entities to support  
27 participation in the process described in section 1 of this 2023 Act.

28       “SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
29 ation, there is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for  
30 the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the

1 amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, for the following purposes related to the process  
2 described in section 1 of this 2023 Act:

3 “(1) Staff support for the process and for resolving complex issues.

4 “(2) Performing technical analyses.

5 “(3) Collecting information the department deems necessary for  
6 developing a refined water budget for the Chewaucan River watershed,  
7 including Lake Abert.

8 “(4) Developing a refined water budget for the Chewaucan River  
9 watershed.

10 “(5) Contracting for the collection or processing of information or  
11 for technical analyses.

12 **“SECTION 5.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
13 ation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and  
14 Wildlife, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General  
15 Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, for the following purposes related to the  
16 process described in section 1 of this 2023 Act:

17 “(1) Staff support for the process and for resolving complex issues.

18 “(2) Performing technical analyses.

19 “(3) Collecting information the Water Resources Department deems  
20 necessary for developing a refined water budget for the Chewaucan  
21 River watershed, including Lake Abert.

22 “(4) Assisting with development of a refined water budget for the  
23 Chewaucan River watershed.

24 “(5) Contracting for the collection or processing of information or  
25 for technical analyses.

26 **“SECTION 6.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
28 declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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