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Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3575**

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

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

4 “541.669. (1) The Water Resources Commission shall adopt rules estab-
5 lishing a system for scoring and ranking projects to determine which projects
6 are to be awarded loans and grants from the Water Supply Development
7 Account, including but not limited to the application of minimum criteria
8 designed to achieve the outcomes described in ORS 541.677. The criteria shall
9 be based on the public benefit categories described in ORS 541.673. The
10 commission shall make the loan and grant funding decisions [*once*] **twice**
11 each year. Applications must be filed with the Water Resources Department.
12 The department shall accept an application for a loan or grant at any time,
13 but shall establish [*a yearly deadline*] **two deadlines per year, corre-**
14 **sponding to the commission’s timeline for making funding decisions**
15 **twice per year**, for the consideration of [*a pool*] **pools** of applications.

16 “(2) The department shall conduct a preliminary review of applications
17 to check for completeness, eligibility and minimum requirements upon re-
18 ceipt of each application. The department shall return incomplete applica-
19 tions to the applicant. The department shall provide public notice by posting
20 new funding applications on the department’s website for a 60-day period
21 prior to reviewing the applications. The department shall provide for the

1 receipt of public comment on the applications during the 60-day period that
2 applications are posted on the department's website.

3 “(3) The department shall forward applications that have passed prelimi-
4 nary review, along with any comments received from applicants or the pub-
5 lic, to a technical review team consisting of representatives of the Water
6 Resources Department, the Department of Environmental Quality, the State
7 Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Department of Agriculture, the
8 Oregon Business Development Department, affected Indian tribes, any
9 collaborative body established by the Governor to address challenges, op-
10 portunities and priorities for the region affected by the project and addi-
11 tional experts as determined by the Water Resources Department. The
12 technical review team shall conduct the initial scoring and ranking for the
13 projects described in the applications, consider comments from applicants
14 and the public and make loan and grant funding recommendations to the
15 commission. The commission shall determine the final scoring and ranking
16 of projects and make the final decision regarding which projects are awarded
17 loans or grants from the account. Before the commission makes a final de-
18 cision on an application, the commission shall offer one additional opportu-
19 nity for public comment.

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

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

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