

**SB 1517 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure permits the urban flood safety and water quality district to annually assess benefited lands within managed floodplain to pay costs of district works that directly benefit the lands. It also permits the district to impose a fee on cities and counties for the fixed costs of operating the district and district works. The measure also modifies procedures related to dissolution of existing drainage districts and corporations. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Detailed Summary:

**Section 2**

Permits board of directors of urban flood safety and water quality district to impose annual charge to pay costs of operating and maintaining district works that directly benefit lands situated within managed floodplain of the district. Establishes what benefited lands may be subject to this annual charge. Establishes procedures for determining amount of annual charge based on an assessment of all benefited lands. Provides procedures board of directors must follow for imposition of assessments.

**Section 3**

Permits board of directors of urban flood safety and water quality district to adopt an ordinance imposing flood safety intergovernmental fee on incorporated cities and counties with territory situated within district boundaries. States purpose of this fee. Establishes procedure for determining amount of fee.

**Section 4**

Permits initial district board of urban flood safety and water quality district to exercise duties and powers related to the power to dissolve drainage district or corporation.

**Section 7**

Establishes procedures to be followed after urban flood safety and water quality district decides by resolution to dissolve any specified drainage district or specified corporation. Specifies liabilities that urban flood safety and water quality district assumes upon dissolution of drainage district or corporation.

**Section 9**

Specifies membership of initial district board following dissolution of drainage district or corporation.

**Section 10**

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 The amendment clarifies that lands owned by a public body may be subject to the urban flood safety and water quality district annual charge when the lands owned by a public body are benefited lands.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's only urban flood control and water quality district is codified in ORS 550, following passage of Senate Bill 431 in 2019. The district's purpose is to protect vital industrial land, transportation hubs, and drinking water sources through maintenance of the Columbia River levee system. A board of directors manages and conducts the affairs of the district.

Senate Bill 1517 permits the district to make certain assessments to benefits lands within the managed floodplain and impose a specified fee on cities and counties for costs of operating the district. SB 1517 also modifies procedures related to dissolution of existing drainage districts and corporations.