

HB 4128 -3, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/13, 2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to study water infrastructure needs in Oregon and report its findings to a water-related interim committee of the legislature by September 15, 2025.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 The amendment removes the study requirement. It appropriates, from the General Fund, approximately \$90 million to the Oregon Business and Development Department (OBDD) for distribution to specific cities and entities in Oregon to fund water and wastewater infrastructure projects that support new residential housing.

Appropriates \$3 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Water Resources Department to be deposited in the Water Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund. Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to OBDD to update the Oregon Infrastructure and Community Facilities Inventory and specifies reporting requirements.

Detailed Summary

I. Appropriations

Appropriates **\$89,727,874** from the General Fund to the **Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD)** to be deposited into the Special Public Works Fund for the purpose of producing water and wastewater infrastructure to support new residential housing in Oregon. Requires OBDD to distribute the funds to specific cities and entities in Oregon.

- Appropriates **\$3 million** from the General Fund to the **Oregon Water Resources Department** to be deposited in the Water Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund.
- Appropriates **\$250,000** from the General Fund to **OBDD** to update the Oregon Infrastructure and Community Facilities Inventory (Inventory).

II. Reporting requirements

- Requires OBDD to update the Inventory by, pending time and resources, collecting data, including data on the status, total cost and, if applicable, the existence of matching funds of projects, their readiness to proceed, housing production impacts, and their impacts on industrial development.
- Requires OBDD to consult with experts from diverse geographic backgrounds and with diverse perspectives, including eligible Indian tribes, relevant state agencies, a representative of the Regional Solutions Program, and organizations representing cities, counties, special districts, economic development districts, and public ports.
- Requires OBDD to submit a report addressing the updated Inventory and the actions and resources needed to maintain and improve it to a water related committee of the legislature by February 15, 2025.

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-4 The amendment mirrors the -3 amendment and appropriates an additional \$2,000,000 to OBDD for distribution to the City of Canby Utility Board.

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BACKGROUND:

Water infrastructure includes systems related to drinking water storage and supply, waste and stormwater treatment, flood prevention, hydropower, and general water resource management.