

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Environmental Quality Oregon Water Data Portal

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Pham

On February 14th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Environmental Quality on the Oregon Water Data Portal.

The portal project was initiated by the legislature in 2021. The Department was directed to begin planning a solution to provide public water and infrastructure data to inform water-related decisions in Oregon. In 2023, DEQ was provided additional funds to continue development and a budget note directed the Department to report to the legislature during the 2024 session. The report describes the project's governance; interagency coordination; tribal and community engagement plan; and approach to data analysis; and identifies project risks and mitigation strategies. The Department anticipates release of the pilot water data portal by early 2025.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.