

## HB 4128 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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**Action Date:** 02/15/24

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
(Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Boice, Gamba, Hartman, Helm, Marsh, McLain, Owens, Scharf

**Exc:** 1 - Levy B

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/13, 2/15

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates approximately \$90 million from the General Fund 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 inventory update and 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. Inventory Update and Reporting Requirements

- Requires OBDD, pending time and resources, to update the Inventory by collecting data, including data on project status, total cost, existence of matching funds if applicable, readiness to proceed, housing production impacts, and 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, as well as 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.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current number of projects funded in the bill
- Whether the list includes any dams
- Selection process underlying the funding decisions
- Need for water infrastructure funding in Oregon

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**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Water infrastructure includes systems related to drinking water storage and supply, waste and stormwater treatment, flood prevention, hydropower, and general water resource management. The Special Public Works Fund provides low-cost financing and grants to eligible municipalities, such as cities, counties, county service districts, tribal councils, and ports for the planning, design, and construction of utilities and facilities essential to industrial growth, commercial enterprise, and job creation.