

HB 3901 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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Meeting Dates: 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Water Resources Department to study rules related to water and to submit a report to a water-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026. Sunsets the reporting requirement January 2, 2027.

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:

-1 The amendment extends the time period that a lease for instream use, or temporary transfer of a determined water right claim in the Klamath Basin may be allowed from January 2, 2026, until the Klamath County Circuit Court issues a water right decree affirming or modifying the Findings of Fact and Order of Determination for the Klamath River Basin Adjudication. Requires the Oregon Water Resources Department to notify the natural resources related interim legislative committees and Legislative Counsel of the date on which the court issued the water rights decree within 30 days of issuance. Specifies that a water rights transfer of a determined claim may not be made to outside of the boundaries of Oregon.

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REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Water Resources Department is a state agency whose mission is to directly address Oregon's water supply needs and to restore and protect stream flows and watersheds in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's ecosystems, economy, and quality of life.