

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2169

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
WATER

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “prescribing an effective date” and insert “declaring
2 an emergency”.

3 In line 5, before the period insert “in a manner that protects public health and the
4 environment”.

5 Delete lines 10 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall establish and lead an
7 interagency water reuse team. The Water Resources Department, the Oregon Health Au-
8 thority, the State Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife
9 shall participate in the water reuse team. Other agencies of state government, as defined in
10 ORS 174.111, shall participate in the water reuse team as requested by the Department of
11 Environmental Quality. The Department of Environmental Quality may enter into intera-
12 gency agreements to support the participation of other agencies of state government in the
13 water reuse team.**

14 **“(2) The Department of Environmental Quality, with support from the water reuse team
15 where appropriate, and in consultation with municipal wastewater utilities, industry
16 stakeholders and other interested parties, shall:**

17 **“(a) Provide training and education to state agency staff, potential reuse project appli-
18 cants and the public on the benefits and drivers of water reuse projects and the state policy
19 to encourage and expand opportunities for water reuse in a manner that protects public
20 health and the environment;**

21 **“(b) Identify and work toward resolution of, with respect to the development of water
22 reuse projects, internal barriers within agencies, information needs within agencies and
23 conflicts between agencies, to better enable state agencies to encourage and support ex-
24 panded water reuse in this state;**

25 **“(c) Evaluate environmentally protective approaches that have been successfully em-
26 ployed by other state water reuse programs and that may be appropriate for water reuse in
27 this state;**

28 **“(d) Identify and propose regulatory changes needed to overcome barriers to water reuse
29 in a manner that protects public health and the environment, including, but not limited to,
30 changes to state agency policies and internal guidance, administrative rules and state stat-
31 utes;**

32 **“(e) Work to improve interagency collaboration and resolve conflicts, consistent with
33 each agency’s designated role and responsibilities, to encourage water reuse projects in a
34 manner that protects public health and the environment;**

35 **“(f) Ensure that information and agency contacts regarding water reuse are current and**

1 accessible to the public;

2 “(g) Promote consistent and timely responsiveness to requests for information from the
3 public or other government agencies regarding water reuse;

4 “(h) Develop technical assistance guidance, or other resources, for local governments,
5 industries and nongovernmental organizations seeking permitting and the development of
6 water reuse programs; and

7 “(i) Establish goals and performance metrics on water reuse development in this state.

8 “SECTION 3. No later than December 15 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of
9 Environmental Quality, in coordination with the interagency water reuse team established
10 under section 2 of this 2025 Act, shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245
11 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment. The re-
12 port must describe the progress made toward achieving the water reuse development goals
13 established under section 2 (2)(i) of this 2025 Act.

14 “SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2032.

15 “SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
17 July 1, 2025.”