

# House Bill 2801

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act extends the time for allowing changes to certain water rights in the Upper Klamath Basin. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Allows the Water Resources Department to approve leases or temporary transfers of certain water rights in the Upper Klamath Basin until a court issues a final water rights decree.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the time frame for allowing changes to determined claims in the Upper Klamath Basin;  
2 amending section 2, chapter 445, Oregon Laws 2015.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 445, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 2.** (1) Section 1 [*of this 2015 Act*], **chapter 445, Oregon Laws 2015**, is repealed [*January*  
6 *2, 2026*] **on the date on which the Klamath County Circuit Court issues a water rights decree**  
7 **affirming or modifying the Findings of Fact and Order of Determination for the Klamath**  
8 **River Basin Adjudication (Case No. WA1300001).**

9 (2) **Not more than 30 days after the court issues the water rights decree described in**  
10 **subsection (1) of this section, the Water Resources Director shall notify the committees or**  
11 **interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources and the Legis-**  
12 **lative Counsel of the date on which the court issued the water rights decree.**

13 [(2)] (3) Notwithstanding the repeal of section 1 [*of this 2015 Act*], **chapter 445, Oregon Laws**  
14 **2015**, by subsection (1) of this section, subject to modification or revocation under section 1 [*of this*  
15 *2015 Act*], **chapter 445, Oregon Laws 2015**, a lease or temporary transfer of a determined claim  
16 under section 1 [*of this 2015 Act*], **chapter 445, Oregon Laws 2015**, for a term beginning prior to  
17 [*January 2, 2026*] **the repeal of section 1, chapter 445, Oregon Laws 2015, by subsection (1) of**  
18 **this section**, may continue in effect for the term of the lease or temporary transfer. If a court  
19 judgment results in a modification of the determined claim, the parties may continue the lease or  
20 temporary transfer of all or part of the water right as modified for all or part of the original term  
21 of the lease or temporary transfer.  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.