

House Bill 3702

Sponsored by Representatives OWENS, HELM

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 tells an agency to study critical ground water areas. The Act tells the agency to report on the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.2).

Directs the Water Resources Department to study critical ground water areas. Directs the department to report to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to critical ground water areas; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Water Resources Department shall study critical ground water areas.**
5 **The department shall submit a report on the study in the manner provided by ORS 192.245,**
6 **and may include recommendations for legislation, to the committees or interim committees**
7 **of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.**

8 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

9 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
10 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
11 **on its passage.**

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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.