

Senate Bill 674

Sponsored by Senator BONHAM (at the request of Senator Noah Robinson) (Pre-session filed.)

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 allow the use of water from the Columbia River at a certain rate. The Act tells agencies to grant easements to help the use occur. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.2).

Instructs the Water Resources Commission to allow the appropriation of water from the mainstem of the Columbia River at a total rate and duty of two percent of average annual flow.

Requires state agencies to convey easements to facilitate the appropriation of water from the mainstem of the Columbia River.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Columbia River; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 270.165.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) To the extent consistent with federal law and the interstate compact**
5 **described in ORS 507.010, and notwithstanding ORS 537.801 to 537.860 and any other contrary**
6 **provision of law in this state, the Water Resources Commission shall allow the appropriation**
7 **of water from the mainstem of the Columbia River for beneficial use, including irrigation, in**
8 **this state at a total rate and duty of two percent of the average annual flow of the mainstem**
9 **of the Columbia River.**

10 **(2) The provisions of ORS chapters 536 to 540 apply to the appropriation of water required**
11 **under subsection (1) of this section to the extent the provisions are not inconsistent with the**
12 **requirements of subsection (1) of this section.**

13 **SECTION 2. ORS 270.165 is amended to read:**

14 270.165. **(1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services acting on behalf of the State of**
15 **Oregon may grant an easement or right of way on any real property under its control if the de-**
16 **partment determines that the easement or right of way would be in the public interest.**

17 **(2) A state agency shall grant an easement over any real property under its control if the**
18 **easement is necessary to facilitate the appropriation of water from the mainstem of the**
19 **Columbia River pursuant to section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

20 **(3) A state agency that grants an easement described in subsection (2) of this section**
21 **may charge an amount for the easement that does not exceed the fair market value of the**
22 **easement.**

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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.