

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 600

By COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

3 **“(1) The Oregon Progress Board’s State of the Environment Report 2000 noted that one**
4 **of the state’s major environmental challenges is an inadequate supply of water.**

5 **“(2) Surface waters in most of Oregon are fully appropriated by existing out-of-stream**
6 **and in-stream uses, except during periods outside the irrigation season when stream flows**
7 **are generally higher.**

8 **“(3) Ground water resources in Oregon are showing signs of overuse and are becoming**
9 **unstable in many areas.**

10 **“(4) Conflicts between out-of-stream and in-stream needs are becoming increasingly**
11 **divisive and expensive to resolve.**

12 **“(5) Opportunities exist for partnerships and water project development in many**
13 **subbasins, including the Umatilla River subbasin and the Walla Walla River subbasin, and**
14 **these opportunities can be supported through state participation and funding to complement**
15 **the current efforts of the federal government.**

16 **“SECTION 2. The Water Resources Department shall conduct a statewide water supply**
17 **and conservation opportunities assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to allow the**
18 **state to:**

19 **“(1) Identify challenges in ensuring sufficient water supplies in meeting existing and fu-**
20 **ture beneficial uses of water;**

21 **“(2) Provide data for prioritizing future water storage and conservation projects;**

22 **“(3) Identify periods of water availability from the Columbia River for possible use in**
23 **Oregon; and**

24 **“(4) Maximize the benefits of ongoing partnerships between the federal government, the**
25 **state government, tribal organizations and private entities, such as the partnerships in the**
26 **Umatilla River subbasin and the Walla Walla River subbasin.**

27 **“SECTION 3. The statewide water supply and conservation opportunities assessment**
28 **shall:**

29 **“(1) Review existing and future water needs in Oregon, including out-of-stream and in-**
30 **stream water needs;**

31 **“(2) Develop a statewide inventory of potential storage sites, including above ground**
32 **reservoirs and below ground sites such as artificial recharge projects;**

33 **“(3) Analyze water supply that may be gained through greater adoption of efficient water**
34 **use practices;**

35 **“(4) Investigate basin yield estimates, focusing on the amount of runoff that can be ex-**

1 pected each year, or each season, for various drainage basins;

2 “(5) Analyze water supply benefits that may be gained from water exchanges identified
3 in the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior ‘Umatilla
4 Basin Project Phase III Feasibility Study’ and the United States Army Corps of Engineers
5 ‘Walla Walla Instream Flow Project’; and

6 “(6) Develop a funding program for community-based water supply planning that provides
7 incentive funding to communities that develop strategies to meet their long-term water
8 supply needs.

9 “SECTION 4. The Water Resources Department shall complete the statewide water sup-
10 ply and conservation opportunities assessment described in sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act
11 by July 1, 2009, and report the results of the assessment by this date to the Legislative As-
12 sembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. A copy of the report shall also be provided
13 to the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior and to the
14 United States Army Corps of Engineers.

15 “SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
16 priated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of
17 the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 to pay the costs of the statewide water supply
18 and conservation opportunities assessment described in sections 2 and 3 of this 2007 Act.
19 From this amount, \$50,000 shall be used to support the Bureau of Reclamation of the United
20 States Department of the Interior ‘Umatilla Basin Project Phase III Feasibility Study’ and
21 \$50,000 shall be used to support the United States Army Corps of Engineers ‘Walla Walla
22 Instream Flow Project.’

23 “SECTION 6. Sections 1 to 4 of this 2007 Act are repealed on January 2, 2010.”
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