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SUMMARY

Requires Water Resources Department to determine percentage of department operating costs attributable to in-stream water rights program. Requires department to submit report including proposals for legislation to require participating state agencies to pay department operating costs for in-stream water rights program and proposals to adjust statutory fees to equal other department operating costs.

1   **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to Water Resources Department program costs.

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

4   **SECTION 1.** **(1) As used in this section, "in-stream water rights**

5 **program costs" means all Water Resources Department expenses at-**

6 **tributable to exercising the duties, functions and powers of the de-**

7 **partment to administer and enforce ORS 537.332 to 537.360.**

8   **(2) The Water Resources Department shall conduct a study to de-**

9 **termine the percentage of department operating costs that are in-**

10 **stream water rights program costs. The department shall report the**

11 **results of the study to an interim committee of the Legislative As-**

12 **sembly dealing with natural resources on or before October 1, 2014.**

13   **(3) The report made under subsection (2) of this section must in-**

14 **clude specific department proposals for legislation to ensure that state**

15 **agencies that request, or that have successfully requested, the de-**

16 **partment to issue an in-stream water right under ORS 537.341 make**

17 **proportional payments to the department that on a biennial basis**

18 **equal the in-stream water rights program costs. The proposals shall**

1 **also include any adjustments to the fees established in ORS 536.050**

2 **that are reasonably calculated to cause the amount received from the**

3 **fees to equal the department operating costs that are not in-stream**

4 **water rights program costs. For purposes of this subsection, fees paid**

5 **by water right holders in connection with leases for in-steam use are**

6 **fees established in ORS 536.050.**

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