House Bill 2498

Sponsored by Representative WHITSETT; Senator WHITSETT (Presession 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.**

Prohibits Environmental Quality Commission and Department of Environmental Quality from adopting any rule or issuing any order concerning water quality that imposes requirements, standards or any other limitation that exceeds requirements, standards or any other limitation imposed under federal law.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to water quality; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Neither the Environmental Quality Commission nor the Department of En-

5 **vironmental Quality may adopt any rule or issue any order concerning water quality that**

6 **imposes requirements, standards or any other limitation that exceeds requirements, stan-**

7 **dards or any other limitation imposed under federal law.**

8 **SECTION 2.** (1)(a) Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to rules adopted and orders issued

9 **by the Environmental Quality Commission before, on or after the effective date of this 2015**

10 **Act.**

11 **(b) Section 1 of this 2015 Act applies to rules adopted and orders issued by the Depart-**

12 **ment of Environmental Quality before, on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

13 **(2) Any rule adopted or order issued by the commission or the department before the**

14 **effective date of this 2015 Act concerning water quality that imposes requirements, standards**

15 **or any other limitation that exceeds requirements, standards or any other limitation imposed**

16 **under federal law is void.**

17 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**

19 **on its passage.**

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