

HB 2295 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/8, 6/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases fees, maximum fees and fee return thresholds for Water Resources Department services, operative July 1, 2017. Eliminates fee, maximum fee and fee return threshold reductions scheduled for July 1, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact statement
- Number of fees being changed
- Total change in fee revenue
- Percentage increase in fees

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD) conducts a variety of transactions, including processing water right applications and transfers and issuing water right certificates and limited licenses. The fees charged by WRD are set in statute and were temporarily increased with the passage of HB 2259 (2013); those temporary increases are scheduled to sunset and revert back to the 2009 fee levels beginning July 1, 2017.

HB 2295 would increase fees for certain WRD services and eliminate the fee reductions scheduled for July 1, 2017.