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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 24, 2017
Subject: HB 3427 – Relating to dams with high hazard ratings

HB 3427 requires owners or operators of a dam with a high hazard rating to develop an emergency action plan and file them with the Office of Emergency Management and local emergency services agencies. The bill does not apply to dams regulated under a dam safety program of a federal agency.

Oregon currently has 75 state-regulated high hazard dams; 58 of those have emergency action plans and 13 have early warning systems. High hazard dams are those where loss of human life is expected should the dam fail.

Senate Bill 5542, the budget bill for the Water Resources Department, included authorization to establish a permanent, full-time engineer position that had been a limited-duration position in the prior biennium, to support the existing inspection workload and the additional inspection workload anticipated from the passage of HB 3427. The position is funded from dam inspection fees and monies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Final Subcommittee Action

**MOTION: I move BILL # to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)**

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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