

HB 2295 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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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.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

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

House Bill 2295 increases fees for certain Water Resources Department services and eliminates the fee reductions scheduled for July 1, 2017.