Senate Bill 771

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUMMARY

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Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Water Resources Department for ground water studies and investigations, or other ground water data gathering and analysis, conducted in cooperation with United States Geological Survey in priority basins determined by department.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the state integrated water resources strategy recognizes that Oregon has a need for additional ground water investigations to further understand the relationship between ground water and surface water and the availability of both; and

Whereas the state integrated water resources strategy provides that conducting ground water investigations is a priority of this state; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of $_____, for ground water studies and investigations, or other ground water data gathering and analysis needed to assess and manage Oregon's ground water resources, conducted in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey in priority basins determined by the department.

SECTION 2. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect July 1, 2017.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.