

House Concurrent Resolution 33

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SUMMARY

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Urges Governor and state agencies to work with legislators, tribal governments, water stakeholders and others in cooperative process to create comprehensive state water vision.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas plentiful and clean water is an essential part of Oregon's quality of life; and

Whereas Oregon's economy and diverse ways of life depend on clean and reliable sources of water and healthy watersheds for all our communities, including water for our farms, fish and faucets; and

Whereas aging or inadequate water infrastructure, coupled with new and extreme weather events, will redefine our ability to meet our water needs in the future; and

Whereas healthy, functioning watersheds are a critical part of resilient water infrastructure that will provide communities with clean and affordable water, mitigate flooding and the effects of drought and ensure sustainable management of Oregon's natural resources; and

Whereas an increasingly water-constrained environment has made it necessary to develop a new vision to make Oregon's natural and built water infrastructure and resources adaptable and resilient; and

Whereas immediate action is essential to support a future in which Oregonians are resilient and thrive despite the predicted changes in weather patterns that will put stress on our current water systems; and

Whereas it is imperative to have meaningful and inclusive conversations about regional water needs and opportunities in this state to set the stage for a bold water vision and requisite investment strategy for this and future generations; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, encourage the Governor and officers, agencies and employees of the State of Oregon whose responsibilities impact water resources to work with legislators, tribal governments, water stakeholders and other interested parties over the next two years to develop a plan to:

(1) Facilitate a statewide conversation about key water quality and quantity issues affecting Oregonians that includes diverse water interests, regional perspectives and meaningful tribal engagement;

(2) Support Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy as the starting point for a conversation about a robust future water investment package that will take into account new and changing conditions; and

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.

1 (3) Explore new opportunities for collaboration and innovative water solutions that result in
2 positive net environmental health and economic benefits to communities.
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