House Bill 4069

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Authorizes Water Resources Department to require reporting of water use measurements.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to water.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:

(a) Water use data is a fundamental tool to ensure efficient water management, ensure effective water distribution and help plan for future water needs; and

(b) The measurement and reporting of water use benefits all water appropriators and is critical to the effective management of the water resources of this state.

(2) It is the policy of this state to:

(a) Actively promote measurement and reporting of water use by water appropriators; and

(b) Encourage federal, state and local government coordination and cooperation in providing financial support to water appropriators for water use measurement and reporting.

SECTION 2. (1) If the Water Resources Department requires an entity to measure the use of water diverted, stored or otherwise appropriated by the entity under a right established by a water right permit, water right certificate, limited license, decree, order of determination or ground water registration, the department may require the entity to report the measured use to the department.

(2) The Water Resources Commission shall adopt rules as provided under ORS 536.027 to carry out subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2020 Act applies to appropriations of water under a right established before, on or after the effective date of this 2020 Act.

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.