

## HB 2251 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Water

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 3/30

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys to Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, for the purposes of: planning water use on local and regional bases; developing system for identifying and prioritizing local and regional water use needs; and implementing local and regional water use strategies and plans. Takes effect on 91<sup>st</sup> day after adjournment sine die.

*May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Water Resources Department addresses state water supply needs and restores and protects stream flows and watersheds for long-term sustainability. One such practice for ensuring long-term sustainability is water use planning. The goal of water use planning is to find a balance between competing uses of water, such as domestic water supply, fish and wildlife, and recreational needs.

House Bill 2251 would appropriate moneys to Water Resources Department for purposes of planning water use on local and regional bases, developing system for identifying and prioritizing local and regional water use needs, and implementing local and regional water use strategies and plans.