

House Bill 3091

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON WATER (at the request of Representative Ken Helm)

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**.

Establishes Task Force on Location Transfers of Stored Water. Directs task force to report to Interim House Committee on Water no later than September 15, 2022.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to transfers of stored water; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Location Transfers of Stored Water is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of seven voting members and four nonvoting members, ap-**
6 **pointed as follows:**

7 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting member from among mem-**
8 **bers of the Senate to act only in an advisory capacity.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one nonvoting member**
10 **from among members of the House of Representatives to act only in advisory capacity.**

11 **(c) The Governor shall appoint as voting members:**

12 **(A) One member representing agricultural interests.**

13 **(B) One member representing irrigation districts.**

14 **(C) One member representing the nursery industry.**

15 **(D) Two members representing the conservation community.**

16 **(E) One member representing small municipal water providers.**

17 **(F) One member representing large municipal water providers.**

18 **(d) Of the voting members described in paragraph (c)(E) and (F) of this subsection, one**
19 **must represent special districts and one must represent cities.**

20 **(e) The Governor shall appoint as nonvoting members, to provide information and advice**
21 **to the task force:**

22 **(A) One member from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

23 **(B) One member from the Department of State Lands.**

24 **(3) The task force shall review the existing regulatory framework applicable to projects**
25 **seeking to transfer the location of stored water and develop recommendations to facilitate**
26 **location transfers of stored water.**

27 **(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
28 **transaction of business.**

29 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
30 **members of the task force.**

31 **(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

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 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
2 ment to become immediately effective.

3 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
4 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

5 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

6 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
7 may include recommendations for legislation, to the Interim House Committee on Water no
8 later than September 15, 2022.

9 (11) The Water Resources Department shall provide staff support to the task force.

10 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
11 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
12 force.

13 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
14 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
15 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
16 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

17 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.

18 SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021
19 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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