

**SB 713 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows for collection, storage, or use of diffuse surface water from falling rain, melting snow, or other precipitation without obtaining a water right permit or certificate.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Water users in Oregon must obtain a permit from the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) in order to use surface water or groundwater. Oregon law offers limited exemptions from the permitting requirements for uses such as emergency firefighting or fish bypass structures. Another current exemption is the "collection of precipitation water from an artificial impervious surface and the use of such water," which according to OWRD, is typically used for collection of rainwater from rooftops.

Senate Bill 713 would allow for the collection, storage, or use of diffuse surface water from falling rain, melting snow, or other precipitation without obtaining a water right permit or certificate.