

# House Bill 3321

Sponsored by Representatives OWENS, HELM, EVANS, MARSH; Senator SMITH DB

## 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.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to Oregon Association of Water Utilities to study small community water systems, establish water utility training center.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to community water systems.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
5 ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July  
6 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,500,000, for distribution to the Oregon  
7 Association of Water Utilities for purposes of implementing section 3 of this 2023 Act.

8 **SECTION 2.** Moneys distributed to the Oregon Association of Water Utilities by the  
9 Oregon Department of Administrative Services under section 2 of this 2023 Act shall be ex-  
10 pended to:

11 **(1) Contract for a study of the needs and vulnerabilities of small and very small community water systems, including  
12 but not limited to the following topics:**

13 **(a) Water supply reliability.**

14 **(b) Source and treated water quality.**

**(c) Utility board and operations management.**

**(d) Infrastructure.**

**(e) Droughts, floods and earthquakes.**

**(f) Water rates, funding and financial stability.**

**(g) Regulations and safe drinking water standards.**

**(2) Design and construct a water utility training center to provide technical, financial and  
managerial support and resources to individuals, including support and resources related to:**

**(a) Water supply reliability.**

**(b) Source and treated water quality.**

**(c) Utility board and operations management.**

- 1 (d) Infrastructure.
- 2 (e) Droughts, floods and earthquakes.
- 3 (f) Water rates, funding and financial stability.
- 4 (g) Regulations and safe drinking water standards.
- 5 (3) Hire and employ one training specialist and **two** technical assistance providers to pro-
- 6 vide support and resources to address the needs and vulnerabilities of small and very small community water systems.
- 7 (4) The Oregon Association of Water Utilities shall consult with the Oregon Health Authority, Department of  
Environmental Quality, Oregon Water Resources Department, and county environmental health agencies in  
the study described in Section 2.
- 8 (5) The Oregon Health Authority, Department of Environmental Quality, and the Oregon Water Resources Department  
shall provide data and information as requested by the Oregon Association of Water Utilities to advance the work  
described in Sections 2 and 3.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.
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