

HB 2765 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Grants the South Suburban Sanitary District (SSSD) the exclusive right to use and sell treated wastewater discharged by the district, and compliant with permitting requirements by the Department of Environmental Quality, into the Klamath River or any of its tributaries. Prohibits appropriation of treated wastewater discharged pursuant to the measure. Requires SSSD to file a notice with the Oregon Water Resources Department prior to using the treated wastewater. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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:

-1 Requires that twenty-five percent of the annual volume of treated wastewater discharged by the South Suburban Sanitary District (SSSD) must be made available by the district for use within the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex and allows SSSD to only sell or utilize the remaining treated wastewater discharged.

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

BACKGROUND:

The South Suburban Sanitary District (SSSD) is located in Klamath Falls Oregon and encompasses ~10 square miles serving a population of ~25,000 people. The district's wastewater facility consists of a 130 acre facultative lagoon system. Treated wastewater from the facility is regulated by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

House Bill 2765 would allow the SSSD to use and sell treated wastewater discharged by the district under certain conditions.