

HB 2765 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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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 into the Klamath River or any of its tributaries in a manner that benefits the district, people, or fish and wildlife. Requires that treated wastewater discharged by the district is compliant with relevant water quality permits and additive to the natural flow of Oregon's surface waters. Prohibits appropriation of treated wastewater discharge by a water right permit holder or for the fulfillment of state or federal fish and wildlife requirements. Exempts SSSD from permit application requirements to appropriate the treated wastewater. 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:

-2 Specifies that SSSD must make at least 25 percent of the annual volume of compliant treated wastewater discharged by SSSD available for use within the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex for the benefit of fish and wildlife before being allowed to sell or otherwise utilize the remaining treated wastewater in a manner that benefits the district, people, or fish and wildlife.

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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 approximately 10 square miles and serves an estimated population of 25,000 people. The district's wastewater facility consists of a 130-acre facultative lagoon system. Treatment of 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.