

HB 3575 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

Action Date: 03/23/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Boice, Gamba, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McLain, Owens, Scharf

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/16, 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Instructs Water Resources Commission to make funding decisions for loans and grants awarded from Water Supply Development Account at least twice each year. Requires the Oregon Water Resources Department to establish at least two application filing deadlines per year, corresponding to the Water Resources Commission's timeline for making funding decisions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Total funds available in the Water Supply Development Account (WSDA)
- Average grant size awarded via the WSDA
- Prioritization of funding requests across natural resources departments

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 839, establishing the Water Supply Development Account to provide grants and loans for projects that address an in-stream or out-of-stream water supply need and result in economic, environmental and social/cultural benefits. Currently loan and grant funding decisions are made once per year.

House Bill 3575 A would instruct the Oregon Water Resources Commission to make loan and grant funding decisions related to the Water Supply Development Account twice per year.