

Enrolled
House Bill 2929

Sponsored by Representative MARSH; Representatives EVANS, GAMBA, HOLVEY, Senators GOLDEN, PATTERSON (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the enforcement of water laws.

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

SECTION 1. If the Water Resources Department has information that a person has engaged in any activity that is in violation of ORS 537.130, 537.535, 540.710 or 540.720, in addition to any other available remedies, the department may apply to the Circuit Court for Marion County, or to the circuit court for any county in which the activity has occurred, for a temporary or permanent injunction requiring the person to:

(1) Refrain from the activity; and

(2) Take any actions necessary to remedy the violation or any threat to water supplies, public health or public safety resulting from the violation.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.

SECTION 3. (1) On or before September 15, 2028, the Water Resources Department shall report, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245, to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to water on the department's use of injunctive authority pursuant to section 1 of this 2023 Act.

(2) The report must describe, but need not be limited to describing, the frequency of the department's pursuit of injunctions pursuant to section 1 of this 2023 Act and the outcomes of applying for, and being granted, injunctions pursuant to section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.

Passed by House April 13, 2023

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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