

# House Bill 3130

Sponsored by Representatives OWENS, HELM; Senator FINDLEY

## 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 to Water Resources Department to fund staff position, or contract for services, related to voluntary agreements among ground water users from same reservoir.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to voluntary agreements among ground water users; and declaring an emergency.

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 Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the**  
6 **General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for funding a staff position**  
7 **at the department, or contracting with a qualified entity, to:**

8 (1) **Advise local communities concerning voluntary agreements among ground water us-**  
9 **ers from the same ground water reservoir, as described in ORS 537.745;**

10 (2) **Assist the communities with development of the voluntary agreements; and**

11 (3) **Assess the opportunities and limitations of the voluntary agreements.**

12 **SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
13 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
14 **on its passage.**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.