

Senate Bill 1567

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells an agency to take actions on water in the Walla Walla River Basin. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

Directs the Water Resources Department to take certain actions related to the Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Walla Walla River Basin.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Consistent with all other Oregon laws, the Water Resources Department**
5 **shall collaborate with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the**
6 **State of Washington to implement and guide cooperative, bistate water management in the**
7 **Walla Walla River Basin pursuant to the Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan, under ad-**
8 **vice from a Walla Walla River Basin advisory committee consisting of representatives from**
9 **a broad range of interests, including agricultural, environmental and other stakeholders and**
10 **federal, tribal, state and local governments.**

11 **(2) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that:**

12 **(a) The State of Oregon shall share in the cost of implementing the Walla Walla Water**
13 **2050 Strategic Plan, subject to the availability of moneys appropriated for this purpose; and**

14 **(b) At least one-half of the total costs of implementing the Walla Walla Water 2050**
15 **Strategic Plan will be funded through federal, private and other nonstate sources, including**
16 **funding from private entities that benefit from projects under the Walla Walla Water 2050**
17 **Strategic Plan.**

18 **(3) The department shall implement the Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan as an**
19 **integrated water resources approach that invites coordination among the State of Oregon**
20 **and the State of Washington, affected federally recognized Indian tribes, agencies and com-**
21 **munity stakeholders, including stakeholders concerned with agriculture, the environment**
22 **and business.**

23 **(4) In developing water supply solutions in the Walla Walla River Basin, the department**
24 **shall use an integrated water resources management approach, consistent with the policy**
25 **described in ORS 536.220 and other Oregon laws, that provides concurrent water supply**
26 **benefits to in-stream, out-of-stream and ground water uses and addresses a variety of water**
27 **resource and ecosystem challenges affecting fish passage, habitat functions and agricultural,**
28 **municipal, industrial and domestic water supply, consistent with the Walla Walla Water 2050**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **Strategic Plan.**

2 (5) In consultation with affected federally recognized Indian tribes, and in cooperation
3 with the State of Washington, the department shall assess the development of a legal and
4 regulatory framework, coordinated between the State of Oregon and the State of
5 Washington, for the allocation, distribution and management of developed water resources.

6 (6) In undertaking programs or using moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly,
7 agencies, as defined in ORS 183.310, may, consistent with all other Oregon laws concerning
8 the programs or use of the moneys, fund the study, design, engineering and construction of
9 projects implementing the Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan that are located wholly or
10 partially in the State of Washington if the projects:

11 (a) Benefit in-stream, out-of-stream or ground water demands in this state; and

12 (b) Are consistent with the objectives of the Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan.

13 **SECTION 2.** (1) On or before June 30, 2026, the Water Resources Department shall sub-
14 mit a report, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245, to a committee or interim committee
15 of the Legislative Assembly related to water that contains recommendations for a legal and
16 regulatory framework to promote equitable allocation, distribution and management of de-
17 veloped water resources and water supplies resulting from projects undertaken under the
18 Walla Walla Water 2050 Strategic Plan.

19 (2) In coordination with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and
20 the State of Washington, the department shall report to the Walla Walla River Basin advi-
21 sory committee described in section 1 (1) of this 2024 Act on the development of a legal and
22 regulatory framework described in subsection (1) of this section:

23 (a) Three times in 2025; and

24 (b) Three times in 2026 before the date specified in subsection (1) of this section.
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