

HB 3341 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for deposit in the Community Drinking Water Enhancement and Protection Fund. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect July 1, 2025.

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:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, 2.8 million Oregonians from 163 communities source their water from forested watersheds. Pollution sources for these watersheds includes landslides, eroding stream banks, agricultural fertilizers and herbicides, as well as infrastructure builds like boat ramps. The Community Drinking Water Enhancement and Protection Fund was established in 2023 through House Bill 2010 when the Legislature allocated \$5 million into the fund. It provides grants to public water suppliers to protect, restore, or enhance sources of drinking water through land acquisition and conservation.