

HB 3571 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$150,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to fund the Institute for Water and Watersheds at Oregon State University.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: Revenue impact issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Institute lacking state funding required by federal government

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment establishes the Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund and appropriates funds in the account to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to the Institute for Water and Watersheds at Oregon State University.

BACKGROUND:

The Institute for Water and Watersheds (IWW) at Oregon State University (OSU) is one of 54 state- or territory-based institutes established by the 1964 Federal Water Resources Research Act. The IWW receives federal matching funds from the U.S. Geological Survey to support water resources research and technology transfer activities in Oregon. Its projects include federal and state initiatives as well as collaborations with other universities, including Portland State University and the University of Oregon.