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Bill Title: Relating to water research institutes.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon State University

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	-	-

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Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure appropriates \$150,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) in the 2025-27 biennium to be allocated to Oregon State University for deposit into the Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund, which is established by this measure. Moneys in the Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund are continuously appropriated to HECC to be allocated to Oregon State University for purposes of the fund.

Fiscal Analysis

The Oregon State University Institute for Water and Watersheds is the state water resources research institute for Oregon. The institute supports water research relevant to the state, provides outreach and engagement, and contributes to Oregon’s water workforce development. The \$150,000 appropriation would serve as a critical match for the U.S. Geological Survey funding, as it would cover expenditures for staffing and services and supplies, including small grants to other institutions, in the 2025-27 biennium.

Although HECC will not require any additional budgetary resources to distribute this funding, HECC may need additional Other Funds expenditure limitation to properly budget for allocations made from the Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026. Therefore, the \$150,000 General Fund appropriation in the measure will not be effective until January 1, 2026.