

## HB 3372 -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Water Resources Department to study exempt uses of water and to submit a report to a water-related interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026. Sunsets the reporting requirement January 2, 2027.

*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:

-5 The amendment authorizes exempt well users to withdraw up to 3,000 gallons of water per day from their domestic well for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of lawn, personal garden, or commercial garden.

##### Detailed Summary

- Defines 'Commercial Garden' as a garden that is used to grow plants, excluding Cannabis plants, to be sold, traded, or bartered.
- Authorizes exempt well users to withdraw up to 3,000 gallons of water per day from their domestic well for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of lawn, personal garden, or commercial garden.
- Specifies that the total combined use for industrial or commercial purposes, when combined with a commercial garden, must not exceed 5,000 gallons per day.

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#### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Water Resources Department is a state agency whose mission is to directly address Oregon's water supply needs and to restore and protect streamflows and watersheds in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's ecosystems, economy, and quality of life.