

HB 3484 -9 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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Meeting Dates: 4/7, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Water Resources Department to study rules related to 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:

-9 The amendment replaces the measure. It Increases the General Fund appropriation for administrative services to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) made through Enrolled Senate Bill 5543, by \$227,328 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for positions related to water right transaction processing activities. It further Increases the General Fund appropriation for water rights and adjudications to OWRD, made through Enrolled Senate Bill 5543, by \$1,464,003 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 for positions related to water right transaction processing activities. The amendment declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

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.