HB 3910 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure expands the justifications for a domestic water supply district (district) to exercise sanitary district powers by changing one of the original requirements for the district to adopt a resolution declaring that both the health of district residents 'and' the general public interest require watershed water quality protection to a revised requirement in which either the health of district residents 'or' the general public interest suffices. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

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:

-3 The amendment changes additional conditional statements to broaden the justifications for a domestic water supply district to exercise sanitary district powers and requires the domestic water supply district to hold a public hearing and to obtain written consent from the relevant sanitary district prior to exercising its powers.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, a domestic water supply district is a local government entity established to provide water for domestic use to district residents, and in some cases, to individuals outside the district. In contrast, a sanitary district is a local government entity responsible for managing and providing sanitary services, including sewage and drainage disposal. Under certain conditions, a domestic water supply district may exercise the powers of a sanitary district when the associated watershed meets specific criteria.