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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: April McDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 3, 2025
Subject: HB 2169 – Relating to water reuse
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2169 directs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish and lead an interagency water reuse team to encourage and expand water reuse in Oregon. The team includes the Water Resources Department, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. DEQ shall provide training, identify internal barriers within agencies, evaluate environmentally protective approaches, develop technical assistance and guidance, propose regulatory changes, and set goals and performance metrics to support and monitor water reuse efforts. DEQ must report to the Legislature each odd-numbered year on the team's progress toward water reuse goals, with the reporting requirement set to repeal on January 2, 2032.

To carry out the provisions of the measure, DEQ will require a permanent full-time Natural Resource Specialist 4 position (1.00 FTE) at an estimated cost of \$295,126 for the 2025-27 biennium, including related services and supplies. The measure takes effect July 1, 2025, and the Department intends to have the position filled at the start of the biennium.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –5 amendment, which provides an appropriation of \$295,126 General Fund to the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality division, to carry out the provisions of the measure.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –5 amendment to HB 2169. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2169, as amended by the –5 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2169, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____