

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2169

Relating to water reuse

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Owens

HB 2169 directs the Department of Environmental Quality to establish and lead an interagency water reuse team to encourage and expand water reuse in Oregon.

The Department will work with the multi-agency team and provide training, technical assistance, identify barriers, evaluate environmentally protective approaches, 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.

The amendment provides an appropriation of \$295,126 General Fund to the Department's Water Quality division, to carry out the provisions of the measure.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2169 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.