

## HB 3341 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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**Action Date:** 03/03/25

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Boice, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Owens, Scharf

**Exc:** 1 - Hartman

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/12, 3/3

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board for deposit in the Community Drinking Water Enhancement and Protection Fund. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Voluntary nature of the Community Drink Water Enhancement Program (Program)
- History of the Program
- Forests as providers of safe drinking water

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Currently, 2.8 million Oregonians from 163 communities source their water from forested watersheds. Pollution sources for these watersheds includes landslides, eroding stream banks, agricultural fertilizers and herbicides, and infrastructure builds like boat ramps. The Community Drinking Water Enhancement and Protection Fund was established in 2023 through House Bill 2010 when the Legislature allocated \$5 million into the fund. It provides grants to public water suppliers to protect, restore, or enhance sources of drinking water through land acquisition and conservation.