

**HB 3571 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development**

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**Action Date:** 03/13/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
(Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Fragala, Harbick, Hudson, McDonald, Munoz, Wright, Yunker

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/4, 3/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure establishes the Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund and appropriates money in the Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the Institute for Water and Watersheds at Oregon State University. It also appropriates \$150,000 to deposit in the fund.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Institute lacking state funding required by federal government

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

The amendment establishes the Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund and appropriates money in the Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to the Institute for Water and Watersheds at Oregon State University.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Institute for Water and Watersheds (IWW) at Oregon State University (OSU) is one of 54 state- or territory-based institutes established by the 1964 Federal Water Resources Research Act. The IWW receives federal matching funds from the U.S. Geological Survey to support water resources research and technology transfer activities in Oregon. Its projects include federal and state initiatives as well as collaborations with other universities, including Portland State University and the University of Oregon.