

HB 3910 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Wright

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

Action Date: 04/09/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Boice, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Owens, Scharf

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/24, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure revises the criteria that must be met for a domestic water supply district to exercise sanitary district powers. It requires the district to hold a public hearing and to obtain written consent from the relevant sanitary district prior to exercising its powers. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current process and criteria for a domestic water supply district to exercise sanitary district powers and their application to the City of Mapleton
- Application of the measure to the City of Mapleton and other districts in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment changes additional criteria 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.

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.