

## HB 3484 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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**Action Date:** 04/09/25

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

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

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

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/7, 4/9

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure increases the General Fund appropriation for administrative services to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) made through Enrolled Senate Bill 5543 (2025), by \$227,328 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for positions related to water right transaction processing activities. It also increases the General Fund appropriation for water rights and adjudications to OWRD, made through Enrolled Senate Bill 5543 (2025), by \$1,464,003 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for positions related to water right transaction processing activities. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process improvements at the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD)
- OWRD's capacity

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Water Resources Department is a state agency whose mission is to directly address Oregon's water supply needs and to restore and protect streamflows and watersheds in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's ecosystems, economy, and quality of life. The department receives funding from both General Fund appropriations and service fees.