

SB 1062 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Carrier: Sen. Anderson

Action Date: 04/09/25
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 4-1-0-0
Yeas: 4 - Golden, Pham, Smith DB, Sollman
Nays: 1 - Robinson
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 authorizes the cities of Bandon, North Bend, and Reedsport, notwithstanding any provision of a city's charter or code to the contrary, to set fees, rates, or any other charges imposed for municipal and wastewater services by a majority vote of the governing body of the city.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Specific cities Act is limited to
- Role of governing bodies in maintaining safe water and wastewater systems

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

According to the [League of Oregon Cities Oregon Municipal Handbook, Chapter 17: Public Works and Utilities](#) (Handbook), a city's authority to operate a municipal utility is granted in state law and/or a city charter. Authority granted through a Charter can be expressed as either a "general grant of power" or a "specific grant of power." Cities that do not have charter authority rely upon statutory law under the 1893 Incorporation Act. The Handbook states that "once a city has authority to operate a utility, a city may build, own, operate, and maintain waterworks, water systems, railways and railroads, electric light and power plants, both inside and outside of its boundaries for profit."