

**SB 1062 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Boice

**House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans**

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**Action Date:** 05/13/25  
**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.  
**Vote:** 5-1-1-0  
**Yeas:** 5 - Evans, Lewis, Skarlatos, Tran, Watanabe  
**Nays:** 1 - Grayber  
**Exc:** 1 - Boice  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/6, 5/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure authorizes the cities of Bandon, North Bend, and Reedsport, notwithstanding any provision of each 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:**

- Questions about current revenue sources for water and wastewater in the communities named in the measure
- Examples of health and safety concerns related to water and wastewater
- Questions about how communities will implement rate increases

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**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."