

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3106

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
WATER

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1 In line 2 of the printed bill, delete “declaring an emergency” and insert “prescribing an effective
2 date”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 10 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Interagency data coordination. (1) The Integrated Water Data Team is**
5 **created. Each of the following shall designate one member of the board or institute, or one**
6 **member who is an employee of the department or authority, to serve on the Integrated**
7 **Water Data Team:**

8 **“(a) The Water Resources Department;**

9 **“(b) The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board;**

10 **“(c) The Department of Environmental Quality;**

11 **“(d) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife;**

12 **“(e) The Department of State Lands;**

13 **“(f) The State Department of Agriculture;**

14 **“(g) The State Forestry Department;**

15 **“(h) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries;**

16 **“(i) The Institute for Natural Resources; and**

17 **“(j) The Oregon Health Authority.**

18 **“(2) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries shall be the lead agency to**
19 **coordinate the Integrated Water Data Team unless the Governor designates another agency**
20 **to be the lead agency.**

21 **“(3) The team shall improve communication and data sharing among agencies and im-**
22 **prove interagency coordination efforts to increase accessibility, interoperability and usability**
23 **of water data to support water and watershed planning and management, including but not**
24 **limited to water quantity, water quality, watershed health, habitat, ecology and water**
25 **infrastructure data.**

26 **“(4) The team shall work together to achieve the following goals:**

27 **“(a) Increasing the availability, accessibility and usability of existing data and informa-**
28 **tion that supports water and watershed planning and management at the basin or watershed**
29 **scale;**

30 **“(b) Increasing water data sets included in the integrated water data portal as provided**
31 **under section 2 of this 2025 Act;**

32 **“(c) Developing and maintaining an inventory of existing water data, identifying gaps in**
33 **water data and prioritizing investments in water data;**

34 **“(d) Supporting data needs related to the development of the integrated state water re-**
35 **sources strategy, including satisfying the requirement in ORS 536.220 (5) to forecast Oregon’s**

1 in-stream and out-of-stream water needs;

2 “(e) Supporting the data needs related to the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds,
3 including satisfying the requirements described in ORS 541.972;

4 “(f) Supporting other interagency coordination activities related to water data collection
5 and use;

6 “(g) Promoting adoption of and adherence to protocols and common water data standards
7 within each participating agency;

8 “(h) Developing and supporting processes within each participating agency to strate-
9 gically sequence water data sets for inclusion in the integrated water data portal on a
10 biennial basis, including projects needed to prepare the data sets for inclusion; and

11 “(i) Avoiding duplication and increasing usefulness and public accessibility of water data.

12 “SECTION 2. Integrated water data portal. (1) As used in this section, ‘state agency’
13 means an agency of the executive department, as defined in ORS 174.112.

14 “(2) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries shall work with the Inte-
15 grated Water Data Team established under section 1 of this 2025 Act to:

16 “(a) Create and maintain a statewide integrated water data portal that provides a single
17 point of access for water-related data;

18 “(b) Develop and maintain protocols and common water data standards necessary to
19 support inclusion of water data in an integrated water data portal. These protocols and
20 standards should support the discoverability, accessibility, interoperability and reuse of dig-
21 ital assets and, to the extent possible, should be guided by existing protocols and standards;

22 “(c) Develop criteria and support a process for strategically sequencing water datasets
23 for inclusion in the integrated water data portal on a biennial basis, including projects needed
24 to prepare the datasets for inclusion;

25 “(d) Establish a governance structure, through memorandums of agreement or other
26 mechanisms, that supports sustainable ongoing operations of the integrated water data
27 portal;

28 “(e) Consult and collaborate with other providers and users of water data to improve the
29 functionality and usefulness of the integrated water data portal and increase accessibility of
30 water data over time;

31 “(f) Collaborate with other regional and national efforts to share, integrate and manage
32 water data; and

33 “(g) Take into consideration the recommendations contained in reports developed by the
34 Department of Environmental Quality when creating the integrated water data portal.

35 “(3) The integrated water data portal must:

36 “(a) Publish data in machine-readable formats and, when feasible, ensure data published
37 via the integrated water data portal is interoperable;

38 “(b) Be designed to support water decision-making at different scales and for different
39 uses, supported by technical experts in water quantity and quality;

40 “(c) Be informed over time by input and feedback provided by users of water data and
41 be developed in response to specific use cases of water data;

42 “(d) Be designed to allow for integration of water data from diverse water data providers,
43 including state agencies, federal agencies, local governments, Indian tribes, academic insti-
44 tutions, nongovernmental organizations and other entities;

45 “(e) Take into consideration lessons learned and opportunities presented by the Oregon

1 Open Data Portal in existence before the effective date of this 2025 Act; and

2 “(f) Be hosted on a platform operated and maintained by the office of Enterprise Infor-
3 mation Services within the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

4 “(4) For data that is not already publicly available, permission must be granted by the
5 data provider before including data in the integrated water data portal.

6 “(5) Nothing in this section prevents a state agency from disseminating, managing or
7 publishing data separately from the portal, but all state agencies that produce, collect, pro-
8 cess or maintain water data shall strive to adhere to the documented standards and proto-
9 cols developed under this section.

10 “(6) State agencies that fund the collection, processing or improvement of water data
11 may, as a condition of the receipt of a grant or contract, require adherence to the water data
12 standards and protocols developed under this section and any other conditions that increase
13 the likelihood of the data being included in the integrated water data portal.

14 “(7) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries may enter into an agree-
15 ment with an existing governmental or private entity or an organization developed under
16 ORS chapter 190 that supports the participation of local, state and federal partners in the
17 development and use of the integrated water data portal, to improve coordination and col-
18 laboration between water data providers, water data users and water data experts on the
19 collection, maintenance and use of water data, as well as to perform necessary research or
20 outreach to support portal development and use.

21 “(8) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries shall contract with tech-
22 nical experts to develop tools and applications for the integrated water data portal, including,
23 but not limited to, the Institute for Natural Resources, Oregon State University’s Center for
24 Applied Systems and Software and any other water data experts that may be useful in cre-
25 ation of the integrated water data portal.

26 “(9) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries may contract with third
27 parties to carry out its duties under this section.

28 “SECTION 3. Integrated Water Data Account. (1) The Integrated Water Data Account
29 is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest
30 earned by the account shall be credited to the account. All moneys in the account are con-
31 tinuously appropriated to the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

32 “(2) The department may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any source, whether
33 public or private, for deposit in the Integrated Water Data Account.

34 “(3) The account consists of:

35 “(a) Moneys appropriated to the account by the Legislative Assembly.

36 “(b) Moneys from any federal, state or other grants.

37 “(c) Moneys received under subsection (2) of this section.

38 “(d) Earnings on the account.

39 “(4) Expenditures by the department from the Integrated Water Data Account shall be
40 made only for the following purposes:

41 “(a) Developing and implementing the integrated water data portal under section 2 of this
42 2025 Act.

43 “(b) Implementing actions taken by the Integrated Water Data Team to accomplish the
44 goals specified in sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act.

45 “(c) Making distributions to state agencies that are part of the Integrated Water Data

1 Team.

2 “(d) Making grants to entities other than members of the team for the collection, man-
3 agement and improvement of water data for the purposes of developing, maintaining or im-
4 proving the integrated water data portal established under section 2 of this 2025 Act.

5 “(5) The department may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.

6 “**SECTION 4. Report.** No later than September 15 of each even-numbered year, the State
7 Department of Geology and Mineral Industries shall submit, to the interim committees of
8 the Legislative Assembly related to water, a report that must include:

9 “(1) An inventory of available water data at each agency specified in section 1 of this 2025
10 Act that supports water and watershed planning and management;

11 “(2) Identification and prioritization of water data gaps and needs to support water and
12 watershed planning and management;

13 “(3) Identification and prioritization of projects and actions that address priority water
14 data gaps and needs within each agency specified in section 1 of this 2025 Act as it relates
15 to including data in the integrated water data portal established under section 2 of this 2025
16 Act;

17 “(4) Progress measured against established metrics to carry out the purposes of sections
18 1, 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act during the two calendar years immediately preceding the year of
19 the report;

20 “(5) Proposed actions and budgetary resources needed to carry out the purposes of
21 sections 1, 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act in the two years following the date of the report;

22 “(6) Recommendations to improve interagency coordination related to water data;

23 “(7) Policy recommendations to increase access to and use of water data;

24 “(8) A summary of public outreach and public participation activities; and

25 “(9) Other information determined to be beneficial for the purposes of carrying out
26 sections 1, 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act.

27 “**SECTION 5. Captions.** The section captions used in this 2025 Act are provided only for
28 the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or
29 express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2025 Act.

30 “**SECTION 6. Effective date.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on
31 which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.
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