

House Bill 3131

Sponsored by Representatives OWENS, HELM, LEVY B, NERON, SMITH G; Representatives BOICE, BOWMAN, CHAICHI, EVANS, GAMBA, GOMBERG, LEVY E, LIVELY, MANNIX, MARSH, MCINTIRE, MCLAIN, NELSON, NOSSE, PHAM H, RUIZ, TRAN, WALTERS, WRIGHT, Senators ANDERSON, FREDERICK, GOLDEN, LINTHICUM, MEEK, PROZANSKI, SMITH DB, SOLLMAN, TAYLOR, WEBER (at the request of former Representative Charlie Conrad) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act gives money to a state agency for uses related to working lands. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.2).

Appropriates moneys to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, out of the General Fund, for deposit in the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund.

Establishes a maximum limit for payment of expenses by the board from the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$17,300,000, for deposit in the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund established under ORS 541.978, for the purposes described in ORS 541.979.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$17,300,000 is established for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board from the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Fund established under ORS 541.978, for the purposes described in ORS 541.979.

SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.