

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3571**

Ordered by the House March 14  
Including House Amendments dated March 14

Sponsored by Representatives OWENS, HELM

**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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act gives money to HECC to be given to OSU for the water research institute. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.9).

Appropriates moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon State University for purposes of the Institute for Water and Watersheds.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to water research institutes.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund is established in the State**  
5 **Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.**

6 **(2) The Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund consists of:**

7 **(a) Moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legisla-**  
8 **tive Assembly or otherwise; and**

9 **(b) Any gifts, grants, donations, endowments or bequests from any public or private**  
10 **source, including individuals and private organizations.**

11 **(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Higher Education Coordi-**  
12 **nating Commission to be allocated to Oregon State University for purposes of the Institute**  
13 **for Water and Watersheds.**

14 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
15 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
16 **2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$150,000, to be allocated to Oregon State Uni-**  
17 **versity for deposit into the Institute for Water and Watersheds Fund established by section**  
18 **1 of this 2025 Act.**

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**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.