

House Bill 3573

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

Digest: The Act gives money to OWRD for certain things. (Flesch Readability Score: 94.3).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Water Resources Department for specified purposes relating to water resources data collection and monitoring for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to water resources; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. There is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium**
4 **beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,300,000 for water resources**
5 **data collection and monitoring, which may be expended as follows:**

6 (1) **\$800,000 for ground water investigations;**

7 (2) **\$450,000 for ground water monitoring;**

8 (3) **\$300,000 for gaging stations;**

9 (4) **\$300,000 for water use management cost share funds;**

10 (5) **\$100,000 for evapotranspiration monitoring and studies;**

11 (6) **\$100,000 for AgriMet; and**

12 (7) **\$250,000 for contract funding for facilitation and public engagement in water-related**
13 **monitoring, studies, investigations and efforts related to the development of ground water**
14 **budgets described in section 1, chapter 608, Oregon Laws 2021.**

15 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
17 **July 1, 2025.**

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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.