

# House Bill 3721

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## 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 tells an agency to study some impacts of removing certain dams. The Act prohibits a person from removing a certain type of dam until after the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.8).

Directs the Water Resources Department to study the socioeconomic impacts of the removal of the Klamath River dams. Directs the department to submit a report on the study to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources not later than September 15, 2026.

Prohibits a person from removing a certain type of dam until after the report is submitted.  
Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to dams; and prescribing an effective date.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Water Resources Department shall study the socioeconomic impacts of the removal of the Klamath River dams.**

**(2) The department shall submit a report on the study in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.**

**SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

**SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, a person may not remove a dam that is subject to ORS 540.443 to 540.491 until after the Water Resources Department has submitted the report described in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

**SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

**SECTION 5. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

**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.