

# House Bill 3728

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## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act tells an agency to study topics related to a certain dam. The Act tells the agency to report on the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Directs the Water Resources Department to study topics related to the Winchester Dam. 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.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to dams.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Water Resources Department shall study the feasibility, costs and**  
5 **environmental impacts of:**

6 (a) **Turning the Winchester Dam into an operating dam that would provide**  
7 **hydroelectricity for the region.**

8 (b) **Installing a state-of-the-art fish screen or by-pass device in or around the Winchester**  
9 **Dam.**

10 (2) **The department shall submit a report on the study in the manner provided by ORS**  
11 **192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the**  
12 **Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.**

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 Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**  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