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House Bill 3910

Sponsored by Representative WRIGHT; Representatives HELM, JAVADI, LEVY B

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to domestic water supply district authority; amending ORS 264.335 and 264.336; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 264.335 is amended to read:

264.335. In addition to the other powers granted to districts under this chapter, **after holding a public hearing on the question**, a district may exercise the powers granted to sanitary districts under ORS 450.005 to 450.245 [*when*] **if**:

(1) The district obtains all or part of its supply of water from a watershed[.]; **and**:

[2] (a) The watershed is located in a sole-source aquifer designated prior to September 29, 1991, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.);

[3] (b) The watershed is recognized under rules of the Environmental Quality Commission as a watershed requiring protection from contamination in order to maintain high water quality; [*and*] **or**

[4] (c) The district adopts a resolution declaring that the health of the residents of the district [*and*] **or** the general public interest requires the district to protect the water quality of the watershed[.]; **and**

(2) The district obtains written consent to its exercise of such powers from any sanitary district or other service provider that has been providing sanitary service to territory that will be served by the district pursuant to such exercise.

SECTION 2. ORS 264.336 is amended to read:

264.336. Notwithstanding ORS 264.335, a district may exercise the powers granted to sanitary districts under ORS 450.005 to 450.245 if:

(1) The district meets the requirements of ORS 264.335 (1), (3) and (4) **(2023 Edition)**;

(2) Any part of the territory of the district is covered by the major disaster declaration related to wildfires requested by the Governor on September 14, 2020, and approved by the President of the United States on September 15, 2020; and

(3) The district is adjacent to a river that serves as a source of drinking water for a metropolitan area with a population greater than 100,000.

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.

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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