

Senate Bill 1189

Sponsored by Senator GIROD

SUMMARY

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Digest: This Act says that a treatment works can be built without a water quality permit if certain conditions are met. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.8).

Creates a limited exception to water quality permitting requirements for a treatment works located within the North Santiam Basin.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to treatment works within the North Santiam Basin; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 468B.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "treatment works" has the meaning given that term in ORS 454.010.

(2) The prohibitions of ORS 468B.050 (1)(b) do not apply to the construction and installation of a publicly owned treatment works located within the North Santiam Basin if:

(a) Construction of the treatment works is commenced on or after April 15, 2025, and before June 16, 2025; and

(b)(A) The owner of the treatment works does not operate the treatment works or discharge any wastes or pollutants into the waters of the state without holding an applicable permit issued by the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality under ORS 468B.050; and

(B) Any discharges from the treatment works meet the terms and conditions of the permit.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not eliminate the need for the owner of the treatment works to obtain any other applicable permit, including but not limited to a construction stormwater permit.

(4) The Department of Environmental Quality may require that a treatment works constructed without a permit, as described in subsection (2) of this section, be modified to satisfy the terms and conditions of a permit ultimately issued to the facility under ORS 468B.050.

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 Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

SECTION 4. 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.

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.