

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 5543

Ordered by the Senate June 19
Including Senate Amendments dated June 19

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

Digest: The Act creates an agency budget. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.8).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Water Resources Department for biennial expenses.

Limits biennial expenditures by the department from certain lottery moneys.

Limits biennial expenditures for certain purposes from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and specified federal funds, but excluding lottery funds and other federal funds, collected or received by the department.

Limits biennial expenditures by the department from other federal funds.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the financial administration of the Water Resources Department; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There are appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, for the following purposes:

(1) Administrative services \$ 15,297,469

(2) Field services \$ 24,520,767

(3) Water rights and
adjudications \$ 6,310,918

(4) Technical services..... \$ 19,697,434

(5) Director's office \$ 25,315,881

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$24,352,512 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund to the Water Resources Department for debt service.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and including federal funds received under cooperative agreements with or contracts from the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Geological Survey, the Bonneville Power Ad-

Note: For budget, see 2025-2027 Biennial Budget

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.

ministration and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds not described in this section, collected or received by the Water Resources Department, for the following purposes:

- (1) Administrative services \$ 2,126,877
- (2) Field services \$ 3,242,266
- (3) Water rights and
adjudications \$ 3,672,380
- (4) Technical services..... \$ 4,186,909
- (5) Director's office \$110,768,593

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses from federal funds other than those described in section 3 of this 2025 Act, collected or received by the Water Resources Department, for the following purposes:

- (1) Administrative services \$ 25,000
- (2) Field services \$ 75,000
- (3) Water rights and
adjudications \$ 25,000
- (4) Technical services..... \$ 2,040,179
- (5) Director's office \$ 25,000

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limits for payment of expenses by the Water Resources Department from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and transferred to the Water Resources Department, for the following purposes:

- (1) Grant to Umatilla County
for the Ordinance Regional
Water Infrastructure Project... \$ 600,000
- (2) Place-based planning
activities \$ 350,000
- (3) Support for the water
measurement cost-share
program \$ 800,000
- (4) Provision of contracted
services to perform flood
methodology and inundation
assessments for dams and
engineering analyses on dams .. \$ 1,200,000
- (5) Purchase and deployment of
surface and ground water
data collection equipment..... \$ 250,000

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$182,028 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses by the Water Resources Department from American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys received by the Oregon Department of Administrative

1 **Services and transferred to the Water Resources Department and deposited in the Water**
2 **Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund established in ORS 537.766.**

3 **SECTION 7. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
4 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
5 **July 1, 2025.**

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