

# Senate Bill 5543

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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 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

1  
2 Relating to the financial administration of the Water Resources Department; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

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

8 (1) **Administrative services** ..... \$ 15,409,495

9 (2) **Field services** ..... \$ 24,592,452

10 (3) **Water rights and**  
11 **adjudications** ..... \$ 5,194,834

12 (4) **Technical services**..... \$ 18,292,896

13 (5) **Director's office** ..... \$ 24,557,943

14 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of**  
15 **\$24,352,512 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for**  
16 **payment of expenses from lottery moneys allocated from the Administrative Services Eco-**  
17 **nomical Development Fund to the Water Resources Department for debt service.**

18 **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the following amounts**  
19 **are established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limits for payment**  
20 **of expenses from fees, moneys or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts and in-**  
21 **cluding federal funds received under cooperative agreements with or contracts from the**  
22 **Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior, the United States**  
23 **Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Geological Survey, the Bonneville Power Ad-**  
24 **ministration and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, but excluding lottery funds and**  
25 **federal funds not described in this section, collected or received by the Water Resources**

**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.

1 Department, for the following purposes:

- 2 (1) Administrative services ..... \$ 2,353,173
- 3 (2) Field services ..... \$ 3,240,501
- 4 (3) Water rights and
- 5 adjudications ..... \$ 4,756,440
- 6 (4) Technical services..... \$ 4,726,397
- 7 (5) Director’s office ..... \$130,958,334

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

- 12 (1) Administrative services ..... \$ 25,000
- 13 (2) Field services ..... \$ 75,000
- 14 (3) Water rights and
- 15 adjudications ..... \$ 25,000
- 16 (4) Technical services..... \$ 2,040,179
- 17 (5) Director’s office ..... \$ 25,000

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

- 24 (1) Grant to Umatilla County
- 25 for the Ordnance Regional
- 26 Water Infrastructure Project... \$ 600,000
- 27 (2) Place-based planning
- 28 activities ..... \$ 350,000
- 29 (3) Assistance to local
- 30 governments with meeting
- 31 fish passage requirements
- 32 for dam upgrade projects..... \$ 150,000
- 33 (4) Support for the water
- 34 measurement cost-share
- 35 program ..... \$ \$800,000
- 36 (5) Provision of contracted
- 37 services to perform flood
- 38 methodology and inundation
- 39 assessments for dams and
- 40 engineering analyses on dams .. \$ \$1,200,000
- 41 (6) Purchase and deployment of
- 42 surface and ground water
- 43 data collection equipment..... \$ 250,000

44 **SECTION 6.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
 45 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect

1 **July 1, 2025.**

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