

HB 2169-2  
(LC 3333)  
1/27/25 (STN/ps)

Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2169**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “prescribing an effective  
2 date” and insert “declaring an emergency”.

3 In line 5, before the period insert “, while ensuring the protection of  
4 public health and the environment”.

5 Delete lines 10 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall**  
7 **establish and lead an interagency water reuse team. The Water Re-**  
8 **sources Department, the Oregon Health Authority and the State De-**  
9 **partment of Fish and Wildlife shall participate in the water reuse**  
10 **team. Other agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,**  
11 **shall participate in the water reuse team as requested by the Depart-**  
12 **ment of Environmental Quality. The Department of Environmental**  
13 **Quality may enter into interagency agreements to support the partic-**  
14 **ipation of other agencies of state government in the water reuse team.**

15 **“(2) The Department of Environmental Quality, with support from**  
16 **the water reuse team where appropriate, and in consultation with**  
17 **municipal wastewater utilities, industry stakeholders and other inter-**  
18 **ested parties, shall:**

19 **“(a) Provide training and education to state agency staff, potential**  
20 **reuse project applicants and the public on the benefits and drivers of**  
21 **water reuse projects and the state policy to encourage and expand**

1 opportunities for water reuse;

2 “(b) Identify, with respect to the development of water reuse  
3 projects, internal barriers within agencies, information needs within  
4 agencies and conflicts between agencies that must be resolved to ex-  
5 pand water reuse in this state;

6 “(c) Evaluate environmentally protective approaches that have been  
7 successfully employed by other state water reuse programs and that  
8 may be appropriate for water reuse in this state;

9 “(d) Identify and propose regulatory changes needed to overcome  
10 barriers to water reuse, including, but not limited to, changes to state  
11 agency policies and internal guidance, administrative rules and state  
12 statutes;

13 “(e) Work to resolve conflicts between agencies;

14 “(f) Ensure that information and agency contacts regarding water  
15 reuse are current and accessible to the public;

16 “(g) Promote consistent and timely responsiveness to requests for  
17 information from the public or other government agencies regarding  
18 water reuse;

19 “(h) Develop technical assistance guidance, or other resources, for  
20 local governments and industries seeking permitting and the develop-  
21 ment of water reuse programs; and

22 “(i) Establish goals and performance metrics on water reuse devel-  
23 opment in this state.

24 **“SECTION 3. No later than December 15 of each odd-numbered**  
25 **year, the Department of Environmental Quality, in coordination with**  
26 **the interagency water reuse team established under section 2 of this**  
27 **2025 Act, shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245**  
28 **to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the**  
29 **environment. The report must describe the progress made toward**  
30 **achieving the water reuse development goals established under section**

1 **2 (2)(i) of this 2025 Act.**

2 **“SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,**  
3 **2032.**

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

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