

HB 2169-4
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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 “in a manner that protects public health
4 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, the State Depart-**
9 **ment of Agriculture and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife**
10 **shall participate in the water reuse team. Other agencies of state**
11 **government, as defined in ORS 174.111, shall participate in the water**
12 **reuse team as requested by the Department of Environmental Quality.**
13 **The Department of Environmental Quality may enter into interagency**
14 **agreements to support the participation of other agencies of state**
15 **government in the water reuse team.**

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

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

1 water reuse projects and the state policy to encourage and expand
2 opportunities for water reuse in a manner that protects public health
3 and the environment;

4 “(b) Identify and work toward resolution of, with respect to the
5 development of water reuse projects, internal barriers within agencies,
6 information needs within agencies and conflicts between agencies, to
7 better enable state agencies to encourage and support expanded water
8 reuse in this state;

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

12 “(d) Identify and propose regulatory changes needed to overcome
13 barriers to water reuse in a manner that protects public health and
14 the environment, including, but not limited to, changes to state
15 agency policies and internal guidance, administrative rules and state
16 statutes;

17 “(e) Work to improve interagency collaboration and resolve con-
18 flicts, consistent with each agency’s designated role and responsibil-
19 ities, to encourage water reuse projects in a manner that protects
20 public health and the environment;

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

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

26 “(h) Develop technical assistance guidance, or other resources, for
27 local governments, industries and nongovernmental organizations
28 seeking permitting and the development of water reuse programs; and

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

1 **“SECTION 3. No later than December 15 of each odd-numbered**
2 **year, the Department of Environmental Quality, in coordination with**
3 **the interagency water reuse team established under section 2 of this**
4 **2025 Act, shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245**
5 **to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the**
6 **environment. The report must describe the progress made toward**
7 **achieving the water reuse development goals established under section**
8 **2 (2)(i) of this 2025 Act.**

9 **“SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,**
10 **2032.**

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

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