

HB 3116-2  
(LC 2748)  
3/6/25 (DFY/ps)

Requested by Representative OWENS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 3116**

1 Delete lines 4 through 28 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. The Water Resources Department shall develop and**  
3 **implement a plan to address recommendations from the evaluation of**  
4 **the place-based water planning program and recommendations of the**  
5 **regional water planning and management work group described in**  
6 **section 238, chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2021, including but not limited**  
7 **to:**

8 **“(1) Development of data inventories and identification of data**  
9 **gaps; and**

10 **“(2) Development of climate-informed water budgets for basins**  
11 **across this state to better understand current and future hydrologic**  
12 **conditions.**

13 **“SECTION 2. On or before December 31, 2026, the Water Resources**  
14 **Department shall produce, or contract for the production of, a proto-**  
15 **type for a water basin assessment as described in the updated scope**  
16 **of the Stewardship and Supply Initiative.**

17 **“SECTION 3. On or before December 31, 2026, the Water Resources**  
18 **Department shall report, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245, to**  
19 **the standing or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-**  
20 **lated to water on:**

21 **“(1) Best practices and lessons learned from state-supported water**

1 **planning efforts in other states, including provision of technical in-**  
2 **formation to support water planning;**

3 **“(2) Best practices and lessons learned from developing the proto-**  
4 **type described in section 2 of this 2025 Act;**

5 **“(3) A proposed schedule and sequence for completion of basin as-**  
6 **essments, including criteria for prioritizing basin assessments and a**  
7 **plan for meaningful public engagement in the development and review**  
8 **of basin assessments;**

9 **“(4) Opportunities to reduce the cost of, or expedite completion of,**  
10 **water basin assessments, including by contracting for development of**  
11 **water basin assessments; and**

12 **“(5) Recommendations for using an integrated water data portal to**  
13 **improve the accessibility of department data and update water basin**  
14 **assessments.**

15 **“SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**  
16 **ation, there is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for**  
17 **the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the**  
18 **amount of \$1,000,000 for deposit in the Place-Based Water Planning**  
19 **Fund established under ORS 537.872, to be used to carry out the pro-**  
20 **visions of sections 1 to 3 of this 2025 Act.**

21 **“SECTION 5. (1) The Water Resources Department shall issue**  
22 **grants as described in subsection (3) of this section to be used by the**  
23 **recipients to support implementation of state-recognized place-based**  
24 **integrated water resources plans.**

25 **“(2) Before issuing a grant under this section, the department must**  
26 **enter into an agreement with the recipient obligating the recipient to**  
27 **report to the standing or interim committees of the Legislative As-**  
28 **sembly related to water, on or before December 1, 2026, on expendi-**  
29 **tures and outcomes of the grant funding. The report may include**  
30 **recommendations for legislation.**

1       **“(3) The department shall issue grants to the following recipients**  
2 **in the following amounts:**

3       **“(a) \$650,000 to the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation**  
4 **District;**

5       **“(b) \$1,100,000 to the High Desert Partnership;**

6       **“(c) \$500,000 to Union County; and**

7       **“(d) \$1,100,000 to the Gilliam County Soil and Water Conservation**  
8 **District.**

9       **“SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**  
10 **ation, there is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for**  
11 **the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the**  
12 **amount of \$3,350,000 to carry out the provisions of section 5 of this 2025**  
13 **Act.**

14       **“SECTION 7. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
15 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
16 **declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect July 1, 2025.”.**

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