

Requested by Representative OWENS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 3570**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 8 through 27 and delete pages  
2 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department**  
4 **shall:**

5 **“(a) Develop and update an inventory of infrastructure and com-**  
6 **munity facilities that can be used to document the short- and long-**  
7 **term funding needs and inform statewide and regional strategies to**  
8 **invest in priority community infrastructure projects, including but not**  
9 **limited to drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and transportation**  
10 **needs.**

11 **“(b) The inventory may be used for the following purposes:**

12 **“(A) Documenting ongoing statewide funding needs for**  
13 **infrastructure and community facilities projects;**

14 **“(B) Supporting statewide and regional priorities as determined by**  
15 **the Governor’s office, including but not limited to infrastructure and**  
16 **community facilities projects associated with maintaining existing**  
17 **housing or producing new housing units;**

18 **“(C) Informing statewide funding strategies for infrastructure and**  
19 **community facilities projects, including appropriate funding levels for**  
20 **state grant and loan programs;**

21 **“(D) Connecting communities with and increasing accessibility to**

1 available financial and technical assistance to address infrastructure  
2 and community facilities projects;

3 “(E) Informing and educating statewide decision makers on  
4 infrastructure and community facilities needs; and

5 “(F) Other purposes identified by the department.

6 “(c) The department shall update the inventory on a recurring basis  
7 determined by the department to ensure the inventory serves the  
8 purposes set forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

9 “(2) In developing and updating the inventory described under sub-  
10 section (1) of this section, including the proposed scope and purpose  
11 of the inventory, the department shall consult with individuals and  
12 entities having relevant knowledge and representing diverse regions  
13 and perspectives, including but not limited to:

14 “(a) State agencies, including but not limited to the Department of  
15 Environmental Quality, the Oregon Health Authority and the Depart-  
16 ment of Transportation;

17 “(b) Regional solutions teams described in ORS 284.754;

18 “(c) Organizations representing cities, counties, special districts,  
19 economic development districts as defined in ORS 285B.636 and port  
20 districts in Oregon;

21 “(d) Federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon; and

22 “(e) Any other individuals or entities the Oregon Business Devel-  
23 opment Department considers it important to consult to inform the  
24 development or use of the inventory.

25 “(3) In developing the inventory the Oregon Business Development  
26 Department shall consider compatibility and opportunities to coordi-  
27 nate with other related efforts in order to avoid duplication.

28 “(4) The Oregon Business Development Department may contract  
29 with qualified entities and enter into intergovernmental agreements  
30 under ORS chapter 190 to perform its duties under this section.

1       **“SECTION 3. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall**  
2 **prepare a report that describes the funding needs and models for**  
3 **community water infrastructure projects in Oregon, including de-**  
4 **scriptions of the following:**

5       **“(a) Existing regional and statewide processes used in this state to**  
6 **update and maintain inventories of investment-ready community**  
7 **drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects,**  
8 **both built and natural, including a description of efforts to prioritize**  
9 **needs and requests and the prioritization criteria used.**

10       **“(b) Existing state agency programs that provide grant and loan**  
11 **funding for planning and implementation of community drinking wa-**  
12 **ter, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects, including the**  
13 **following information:**

14       **“(A) Where available, the amount of funding available since 2013 in**  
15 **each program and noting where a lack of data about available funding**  
16 **exists;**

17       **“(B) To the extent known, the unmet demand for each program;**

18       **“(C) Eligibility and prioritization criteria for each program; and**

19       **“(D) Coordination activities between agencies to increase accessi-**  
20 **bility and navigability of funding opportunities.**

21       **“(c) Federal funding opportunities and requirements that affect**  
22 **drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure costs and**  
23 **affordability.**

24       **“(d) Current processes by which individual funding requests for**  
25 **community drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure**  
26 **projects are considered by the Legislative Assembly, the amount of**  
27 **funding awarded through these processes since 2013 and how these**  
28 **processes interact with the inventories described in paragraph (a) of**  
29 **this subsection, state agency funding programs described in paragraph**  
30 **(b) of this subsection and federal funding opportunities described in**

1 paragraph (c) of this subsection. Examples of processes include direct  
2 allocations, capital construction requests and legislative bills.

3 “(e) Previously documented barriers faced by communities in ac-  
4 cessing and managing available state and federal funding opportunities  
5 for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and  
6 previously documented opportunities to address known barriers.

7 “(f) A typology of funding sources used to fund community drinking  
8 water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects and the ef-  
9 fects on water affordability for ratepayers.

10 “(g) The relative benefits and drawbacks of funding through state  
11 grant and loan programs or direct allocations from the Legislative  
12 Assembly.

13 “(h) Where available, examples of at least two processes used in this  
14 state to inventory and prioritize funding needs and requests for other  
15 types of infrastructure, including an overview of documented benefits  
16 or drawbacks of the process used and opportunities to integrate or  
17 coordinate with other infrastructure funding processes, including  
18 transportation infrastructure funding.

19 “(i) Examples of at least three processes used in other states to in-  
20 ventory, prioritize and fund drinking water, wastewater and  
21 stormwater infrastructure, with a focus on states with successful  
22 models.

23 “(2) In preparing the report required under this section, the director  
24 shall:

25 “(a) Consult with individuals and entities having relevant knowl-  
26 edge and representing diverse regions and perspectives, including but  
27 not limited to:

28 “(A) Entities that provide drinking water, wastewater or  
29 stormwater management services to communities;

30 “(B) State agencies with programs that provide grants or loans for

1 **drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure;**

2 **“(C) Organizations with experience in providing technical assistance**  
3 **to water and wastewater utilities;**

4 **“(D) Organizations with experience in rate assistance or support for**  
5 **low-income drinking water, wastewater or stormwater ratepayers; and**

6 **“(E) Organizations representing cities, counties, special districts,**  
7 **economic development districts as defined in ORS 285B.636 and port**  
8 **districts in Oregon; and**

9 **“(b) Consider the findings of the report required under section 6,**  
10 **chapter 606, Oregon Laws 2023, and avoid duplication of that report to**  
11 **the extent possible.**

12 **“(3)(a) On or before December 31, 2025, the director shall submit, in**  
13 **the manner provided by ORS 192.245, a preliminary version of the re-**  
14 **port required under this section to the interim committees of the**  
15 **Legislative Assembly related to water. The report shall include infor-**  
16 **mation that may inform the composition or focus of a task force on**  
17 **water infrastructure funding.**

18 **“(b) The director shall submit the final version of the report, in the**  
19 **manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the**  
20 **Legislative Assembly related to water on or before December 31, 2026.**

21 **“(4) Upon request, all state agencies shall assist and advise the di-**  
22 **rector in carrying out the duties prescribed under subsections (1) and**  
23 **(2) of this section.**

24 **“(5) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall coordinate**  
25 **with the Legislative Revenue Officer on the report required under**  
26 **section 4 of this 2025 Act.**

27 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Legislative Revenue Officer, in coordination**  
28 **with the Legislative Policy and Research Director shall prepare a re-**  
29 **port that documents:**

30 **“(a) Potential revenue-raising options to support drinking water,**

1 wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects in Oregon, includ-  
2 ing how much revenue each could raise.

3 “(b) The legal obstacles that stand in the way of enacting each po-  
4 tential revenue source.

5 “(c) How the state could apportion these funds to entities respon-  
6 sible for constructing, maintaining and upgrading drinking water,  
7 wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

8 “(d) For each potential option, when potential revenue options be-  
9 come operative, when funds are collected and when funds would be  
10 available for disbursement for infrastructure investments.

11 “(e) For each potential option, the state agency that is positioned  
12 to take the lead on implementing a new revenue source.

13 “(f) For each potential option, accountability and good governance  
14 mechanisms currently in place to ensure funds are raised and spent  
15 appropriately.

16 “(g) How each revenue source can be leveraged through bonding or  
17 debt service to support water infrastructure projects.

18 “(2)(a) On or before December 31, 2025, the officer shall submit, in  
19 the manner provided by ORS 192.245, a preliminary version of the re-  
20 port required under this section to the interim committees of the  
21 Legislative Assembly related to water. The report shall include infor-  
22 mation that may inform the composition or focus of a task force on  
23 water infrastructure funding.

24 “(b) The officer shall submit the final version of the report, in the  
25 manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the  
26 Legislative Assembly related to water on or before December 31, 2026.

27 “(3) Upon request, all state agencies shall assist and advise the of-  
28 ficer in carrying out the duties prescribed under this section.

29 **“SECTION 5. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
30 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**

1 **declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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