

HB 4005 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Boice

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Action Date: 02/04/26

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-1-1-0

Yea: 9 - Boice, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Munoz, Owens, Scharf

Nays: 1 - Cate

Exc: 1 - Hartman

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure designates a Water Professionals Appreciation Week, to be observed annually from the first Saturday of October through the following Sunday. The purpose is to prompt public water and wastewater agencies to offer educational outreach events and encourage Oregonians to learn about the state's water and wastewater industries and consider careers in the field. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of small and very small community water systems
- Efficacy of annual appreciation weeks to achieve their goals

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment adds an effective date.

BACKGROUND:

Approximately [3,300 public water systems](#) deliver drinking water to Oregonians. These systems are maintained and monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure the safety and quality of drinking water for residents. Likewise, people who do not use personal septic systems rely on the state's many wastewater treatment plants that manage the associated wastewater.