

House Bill 3078

Sponsored by Representative LEVY E, Senator BROADMAN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells an agency to create a pilot program for training certain water system operators. The Act tells an agency to create a program for giving grants to certain water providers. The Act extends a sunset on certain rules. The Act gives money for the pilot program. The Act gives money for the program and for treating western juniper. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.3).

Directs the Oregon Drinking Water Services of the Oregon Health Authority to establish a pilot program for training drinking water system operators. Sunsets the program on January 2, 2028.

Directs the Water Resources Department to establish a matching funds grant program that awards grants to certain municipal water providers.

Extends the sunset on rules for the Deschutes Basin ground water study area to January 2, 2039.

Appropriates moneys to the Oregon Health Authority out of the General Fund for distribution to the Oregon Drinking Water Services for the pilot program.

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the department for the matching funds grant program.

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to state agencies for purposes related to the treatment of western juniper.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to water; creating new provisions; amending section 5, chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2005; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Drinking Water Services of the Oregon Health Authority**
6 **shall establish a pilot program for training drinking water system operators.**

7 **(2) The pilot program must include three or four workshops across the state, on or be-**
8 **fore December 31, 2027, that include a certified water loss control consultant.**

9 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.**

10 **SECTION 3. (1) The Water Resources Department shall establish a matching funds grant**
11 **program that awards at least \$25 million in grant funds to municipal water providers that**
12 **are subject to rules adopted by the department that relate to ground water.**

13 **(2) The grants must support the expansion of conservation programs described in appli-**
14 **cable water management and conservation plans.**

15 **SECTION 4. (1) No later than April 1 of each even-numbered year, the Oregon Depart-**
16 **ment of Administrative Services shall submit a report, in the manner provided by ORS**
17 **192.245, to the committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**
18 **water.**

19 **(2) The report shall describe the performance of grants awarded under ORS 568.970.**

20 **SECTION 5. Section 5, chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2005, as amended by section 1, chapter 694,**
21 **Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:**

22 **Sec. 5. (1) The Water Resources Commission shall repeal the rules referred to in section 2,**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 chapter 669, Oregon Laws 2005, on January 2, [2029] 2039.

2 (2) Ground water permits and mitigation projects approved before the repeal remain valid and
3 effective.

4 **SECTION 6.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
5 ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the
6 General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, for distribution to the Oregon Drinking Water Ser-
7 vices for carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

8 **SECTION 7.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
9 ated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the
10 General Fund, the amount of \$25,000,000, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of
11 section 3 of this 2025 Act.

12 **SECTION 8.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
13 ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July
14 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the following amounts, which may be expended for the
15 purposes of providing grants under ORS 568.970, as follows:

16 (1) \$950,000 for providing a grant to a soil and water conservation district located in
17 Crook County.

18 (2) \$500,000 for providing a grant to a soil and water conservation district located in
19 Jefferson County.

20 (3) \$400,000 for providing a grant to a soil and water conservation district located in
21 Klamath County.

22 (4) \$400,000 for providing a grant to a soil and water conservation district located in
23 Deschutes County.

24 (5) \$400,000 for providing a grant to a soil and water conservation district located in
25 Harney County.

26 (6) \$300,000 for providing a grant to a soil and water conservation district located in Lake
27 County.

28 (7) \$300,000 for providing a grant to Wheeler County.

29 **SECTION 9.** The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide grants
30 under ORS 568.970 using moneys appropriated under section 8 of this 2025 Act no later than
31 July 1, 2025, or 60 days after the effective date of this 2025 Act, whichever is later.

32 **SECTION 10.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
33 priated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning
34 July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$150,000, for distribution to the Central
35 Oregon Intergovernmental Council for the purpose of connecting to funding sources related
36 to implementing ORS 568.970.

37 **SECTION 11.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
38 priated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning
39 July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, for distribution to soil and
40 water conservation districts for monitoring, or contracting for monitoring, related to im-
41 plementing ORS 568.970.

42 **SECTION 12.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
43 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
44 on its passage.