

Senate Bill 829

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUMMARY

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Directs Environmental Quality Commission to adopt by rule methodology for Department of Environmental Quality to apply certain water quality standards in assessing waters of state.

Requires department's assessments and follow-up assessments to be consistent with methodology.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to methodology for assessing quality of waters of the state.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 468B.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) The Environmental Quality Commission shall adopt by rule a methodol-**
6 **ogy for assessing waters of the state pursuant to sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal**
7 **Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500), as amended. The methodology shall include, but**
8 **need not be limited to, methods for applying the numeric and narrative standards of quality**
9 **and purity for waters of the state adopted by the commission by rule under ORS 468B.030,**
10 **468B.035 and 468B.048, and any numeric interpretation of narrative standards.**

11 **(2) All assessments and follow-up assessments by the Department of Environmental**
12 **Quality of waters of the state pursuant to sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal Water**
13 **Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500), as amended, shall be consistent with the methodology**
14 **adopted under subsection (1) of this section.**
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