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## SUMMARY

Authorizes Water Resources Department to require reporting of water use measurements.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

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Relating to water.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:**

**(a) Water use data is a fundamental tool to ensure efficient water management, ensure effective water distribution and help plan for future water needs; and**

**(b) The measurement and reporting of water use benefits all water appropriators and is critical to the effective management of the water resources of this state.**

**(2) It is the policy of this state to:**

**(a) Actively promote measurement and reporting of water use by water appropriators; and**

**(b) Encourage federal, state and local government coordination and cooperation in providing financial support to water appropriators for water use measurement and reporting.**

**SECTION 2. (1) If the Water Resources Department requires an entity to measure the use of water diverted, stored or otherwise appropriated by the entity under a right established by a water right permit, water right certificate, limited license, decree, order of determination or ground water registration, the department may require**

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 **the entity to report the measured use to the department.**

2 **(2) The Water Resources Commission shall adopt rules as provided**  
3 **under ORS 536.027 to carry out subsection (1) of this section.**

4 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2020 Act applies to appropriations of**  
5 **water under a right established before, on or after the effective date**  
6 **of this 2020 Act.**

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