SUMMARY

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to purchase cyanotoxin autoanalyzer system and associated supplies and services. Directs department to create, fill and utilize seasonal position to assist with cyanotoxin analysis.

Directs Oregon Health Authority to create, fill and utilize small utility outreach coordinator.

Appropriates moneys to department to purchase equipment and support increased staffing level. Appropriates moneys to authority to support increased staffing level.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to harmful algal blooms; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall purchase one cyanotoxin autoanalyzer system instrument to be used to analyze water samples for cyanotoxins. The department shall acquire any services and supplies necessary for the operation of the instrument described in this subsection.

   (2) The department shall create, fill and utilize at least one seasonal position within the department to assist with the analysis of water samples for cyanotoxins and to collect water samples during peak periods.

SECTION 2. The Oregon Health Authority shall create, fill and utilize the position of small utility outreach coordinator to provide outreach to small water suppliers and water suppliers that depend on a vulnerable water body to ensure that water suppliers have the plans,
tools and training needed to respond to cyanobacterial harmful algal
blooms and other water-related emergencies.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the following amounts:

(1) $95,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 (1) of this 2020 Act; and

(2) $115,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 (2) of this 2020 Act.

SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $100,000, which may be expended for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2020 Act.

SECTION 5. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect on its passage.