

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 731

By COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the semicolon delete the rest of the line and insert
2 “creating new provisions; and amending ORS 536.241.”.

3 Delete lines 3 through 8 and insert:

4 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly finds that water use measurement can be an integral part
5 of an effective statewide water management program; and

6 “Whereas the Water Resources Commission is responsible for establishing coordinated programs
7 for the use and control of all water resources of the state; now, therefore,”.

8 Delete lines 10 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

9 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 536.241 is amended to read:

10 “536.241. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that the availability of an adequate water supply
11 is essential to the continued health and safety of all Oregonians.

12 “(2) The Legislative Assembly declares that it is the policy of the State of Oregon to ensure a
13 water supply sufficient to meet the needs of existing and future beneficial uses of water, and to ad-
14 equately manage the state’s water resources. Further, in recognition of this policy, the Legislative
15 Assembly declares that the planning and management of the water resources of this state shall be
16 conducted in a consistent and coordinated manner.

17 “**(3) In furtherance of this policy, the Water Resources Department shall develop and
18 implement a program for increasing statewide water use measurement. The program shall:**

19 “**(a) Be a voluntary program that encourages water users to participate through collab-
20 oration and cost-share opportunities;**

21 “**(b) Focus on water users that are not currently required to measure water use;**

22 “**(c) Prioritize water use measurement requirements according to the quantity of water
23 diverted and according to the potential effects of water diversion on streamflows;**

24 “**(d) Utilize a phased approach to implementation; and**

25 “**(e) Utilize the available staff and resources of the department to implement the pro-
26 gram.**

27 “**SECTION 2.** ORS 536.241 (3) does not limit the statutory authority of the Water Re-
28 sources Department to require the installation of water use measuring devices and the re-
29 porting of water use.

30 “**SECTION 3.** The Water Resources Department shall report to the appropriate interim
31 legislative committee related to natural resources, no later than December 31, 2007, on the
32 development and implementation of the program established in ORS 536.241 (3).”.

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