

Budget and Legislative Update

Oregon Water Resources
Commission

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2025 Session

- Started January 21
 - Const. Sine Die: June 29
- Tracking ~400 bills
- Many tracked due to relating to clauses
- Statewide bills related to employment, contracting, public records, rulemaking, etc.
- See attachment 1 for select bills
- Budget hearing 2/18-2/20; work session 6/10

Preliminary Budget Highlights

- Well Construction Start Card and Licensing/ Permit Fees
- Water Right Transaction and Dam Safety Fees
- ARPA and direct appropriations carryforward
- Scenic waterways backfill
- Legal expenses
- OWRD grant programs

Other Department Legislation

- HB 2801: Klamath Leases and Temporary Transfers Sunset Date
 - Signed by Governor
- HB 2813: Harney Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
 - Not moving forward

Other legislative topics

- HB 3364: FSG/WPGL program improvements
- SB 761: Walla Walla split instream leasing
- HB 3342: Water right transaction process improvements
- HB 3372: Exempt groundwater expansion
- HB 2169: Interagency coordination on reuse
- HB 3806: Deschutes water banking
- SB 1154: Groundwater quality management
- HB 3544: Contested case process improvements
- SB 1153: Transfers and fish impacts

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Thank you!

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