

Legislative Preview

2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Water Resources Commission Meeting
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Session Basics

During odd numbered years,

- **Legislative Assembly convenes on second Monday in January**
- **Session, including hearings, begins in February**
- **May not exceed 160 days, without an extension**
- **Intent to adjourn Sine Die by June 28**

Session Basics

Timeline for Policy and Budget Bills:

- **April 8**
Deadline for Chairs to schedule Work Sessions for Measures in First Chamber
- **April 18**
Deadline for Committees to hold Work Sessions for Measure in First Chamber
- **May 20**
Deadline for Chairs to schedule Work Sessions for Measures in Second Chamber
- **May 31**
Deadline for Committees to hold Work Sessions for Measures in Second Chamber

Changes in Legislative Leadership

Senate

- **30 members (16-14 split favoring Democrats)**
- **Senator Peter Courtney returns as President of the Senate**

House of Representatives

- **60 members (34-26 split favoring Democrats)**
- **Representative Tina Kotek new Speaker of the House**

Committee Assignments

Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee

Jackie Dingfelder (D-Portland), Chair

Alan Olsen (R-Canby), Vice Chair

Mark Haas (D-Beaverton)

Alan Bates (D-Medford)

Bill Hansell (R-Pendleton)

Committee Assignments

Senate Rural Communities & Economic Development Committee

Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay), Chair

Herman Baertschiger (R-Grants Pass)

Ginny Burdick (D-Portland)

Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene)

Betsy Close (R-Albany)

Committee Assignments

House Energy and Environment Committee

Jules Bailey (D-Portland), Chair

Debbie Boone (D-Cannon Beach), Vice Chair

Mark Johnson (R-Hood River), Vice Chair

Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario)

Michael Dembrow (D-Portland)

Jeff Reardon (D-Happy Valley)

Jim Weidner (R-Yamhill)

Gail Whitsett (R-Klamath Falls)

Jessica Vega Pederson (D-Portland)

Committee Assignments

House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie), Chair

Caddy McKeown (D-Coos Bay), Vice Chair

Sal Esquivel (R-Medford), Vice Chair

Brian Clem (D-Salem)

Wayne Krieger (R-Gold Beach)

Jeff Reardon (D-Portland)

Jim Thompson (R-Dallas)

Ben Unger (D-Hillsboro)

Gail Whitsett (R-Klamath Falls)

Committee Assignments

Natural Resources Subcommittee of Ways and Means Committee

Sen. Chris Edwards (D-Eugene), Co-Chair

Rep. Ben Unger (D-Hillsboro), Co-Chair

Sen. Jackie Dingfelder (D-Portland)

Sen. Chuck Thomsen (R-Welches)

Rep. Jules Bailey (D-Portland)

Rep. Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg)

WRD Water-Related Bills

HB 2257 (LC 657)

Authority to Change a Name on a Water Right Certificate

HB 2258 (LC 658)

Establish a Water Supply Development Program

HB 2259 (LC 661)

Extend Water Right Transaction Fee Schedule—Remove Sunset

SB 217 (LC 659)

Establish a Water Right Management Fee

SB 199 (LC 660)

Split Season Leasing—Remove Program Sunset

SB 200 (LC 662)

Split a Permit into Multiple Ownerships

WRD Water-Related Bills

Budget Bills

SB 5547

Appropriates money from the General Fund to the Department

SB 5506

General obligation bonds, revenue bonds, certificates of participation, other financing programs. Includes loans to the Umatilla Basin

Water-Related Bills

Other Water-Related Bills

- Several focused on development of in-conduit hydro projects
- A required environmental review for water right transfers
- A request to recapitalize the Deschutes Mitigation Bank
- Remove WRD from wave energy permitting
- Designation of additional state scenic waterways
- Additional restrictions on placer mining/suction dredging

Questions and Discussion



Thank You!