

Legislative Update

Water Resources Commission Meeting

March 7, 2014



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Senate Environment and Natural Resources

- **Michael Dembrow (D-Portland), Chair**
- **Alan Olsen (R-Canby), Vice Chair**
- **Alan Bates (D-Medford)**
- **Bill Hansell (R-Athena)**
- **Mark Hass (D-Beaverton)**



House Agriculture and Natural Resources

- **Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie), Chair**
- **Sal Esquivel (R-Medford), Co-Vice Chair**
- **Lew Frederick (D-Portland), Co-Vice Chair**
- **Brian Clem (D-Salem)**
- **Wayne Krieger (R-Gold Beach)**
- **Jeff Reardon (D-Happy Valley)**
- **Jim Thompson (R-Dallas)**
- **Ben Unger (D-Hillsboro)**
- **Gail Whitsett (R-Klamath)**

2014 LEGISLATION ENACTED



House Bill 4045

Reinstates the Groundwater Continuing Education Program.

House Bill 4015

Requires Department to deliver a plan to the Governor describing participation in regional solutions teams.



BILLS THAT DIED IN COMMITTEE



Senate Bill 1512

Would have allowed the temporary transfer or lease of determined water right claims in the Klamath Basin Adjudication.

House Bill 4044 and 4064, and Senate Bill 1572

Would have placed additional requirements and restrictions on the Department in order to deny, condition, limit or restrict a new groundwater right, or to regulate a well for a senior surface water determined claim.

2014 WRAP-UP AND 2015 Session



- **Budget Note - SB 839 Funding**
- **2014 Sine Die**
- **2015 Legislative Concept Development**



STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES



- **April Snell, Oregon Water Resources Congress**
- **Gil Riddell, Oregon Association of Counties**
- **Jim Welsh, Cattleman's Association**
- **Katie Fast, Oregon Farm Bureau**
- **Kimberley Priestley, WaterWatch of Oregon**
- **Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon**
- **Tracy Rutten, League of Oregon Cities**
- **Jeff Stone, Oregon Association of Nurseries**
- **Richard Kosesan, Water for Life**
- **Teresa Huntsinger, Oregon Environmental Council**

Questions



Thank you!