

House Bill 2025

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires water supplier serving more than 10,000 people to fluoridate water supply. Allows certain water suppliers to receive state financial assistance for initial costs of fluoridation.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for reimbursing water suppliers for initial costs of fluoridation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to fluoridation of water supplies; creating new provisions; amending ORS 448.131 and
3 448.175; and appropriating money.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 448.131 is amended to read:

6 448.131. (1) The Department of Human Services shall adopt water quality standards that are
7 necessary [*to protect the public health through insuring safe drinking water within a water system*]
8 **to implement its responsibilities relating to drinking water and to ensure the public health.**

9 (2) [*In order to insure safe drinking water,*] The department shall prescribe:

10 (a) Construction standards governing the performance of a water system insofar as they relate
11 to the safety of drinking water.

12 (b) Standards for the operation of water systems in so far as they relate to the delivery of safe
13 drinking water.

14 (c) Other standards and requirements considered necessary by the department to [*insure safe*
15 *drinking water*] **ensure that drinking water is safe, healthy and beneficial for human con-**
16 **sumption.**

17 (3) The department shall require that construction and installation plans be submitted and ap-
18 proved before construction begins on new systems or substantial improvements are made to old
19 systems. The department may adopt rules exempting certain water systems from the plan review
20 process.

21 (4) The department may impose and collect a fee from a water supplier for reviewing con-
22 struction and installation plans.

23 (5) Nothing in this section authorizes the department to require alterations of existing facilities
24 unless alterations are necessary to [*insure*] **ensure** safe drinking water.

25 **SECTION 2.** ORS 448.175 is amended to read:

26 448.175. Subject to ORS chapter 183, the Department of Human Services:

27 (1) Shall require that the water suppliers give public notice of violations in the water system.

28 (2) May refuse to allow expansion of or additional connections to a water system until the water
29 system meets water quality standards and requirements.

30 (3) May enter an order requiring a water supplier to acquire or construct a water system that

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 provides water meeting department standards. When the order requires a city to acquire a water
2 system, the system must have the majority of its facilities within the city's adopted urban growth
3 boundary. When the order is entered upon a city, the procedure described in ORS 454.235 to 454.255
4 shall be followed.

5 (4) May enter an order requiring a water supplier that fails to comply with the schedule pre-
6 scribed under ORS 448.140 to cease operation of the water system.

7 (5) **Shall require that water suppliers serving more than 10,000 persons add fluoride to**
8 **the water supplied for human consumption in an amount and manner prescribed by the de-**
9 **partment.**

10 **SECTION 3. From moneys made available for the purpose, water suppliers not**
11 **fluoridating water on or before the effective date of this 2005 Act, but required to fluoridate**
12 **water under ORS 448.175, may seek reimbursement from the Department of Human Services**
13 **for the costs of the initial acquisition of fluoridation equipment, the costs of installing that**
14 **equipment and the costs of materials and chemicals required for fluoridating the water sup-**
15 **ply of the water supplier for a period of not more than _____ months.**

16 **SECTION 4. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the**
17 **biennium beginning July 1, 2005, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the**
18 **purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 3 of this 2005 Act.**

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