

HR 5079

Oregon Water Resources Management Act of 2006

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Nov 13, 2006)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 13, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 21, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2502	Identical bill	Jun 28, 2006: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-677.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on September 6, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Oregon Water Resources Management Act of 2006 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to: (1) replace references to the Deschutes River Basin Working Group with the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group; (2) require the two representatives of private interests from irrigated agriculture on the Working Group to actively farm more than 100 acres of irrigated land and not be irrigation district managers; (3) direct the Bureau of Reclamation to pay up to a total amount of \$2 million for each of FY2006 through FY2015 for 50% of the cost of performing projects proposed by the Working Group and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and (4) authorize appropriations for Deschutes Basin ecosystem restoration projects for FY2006-FY2015.

(Sec. 3) Authorizes the Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to provide grants to, or enter into cooperative or other agreements with, tribal, state, and local governmental entities and the Associated Ditch Companies, Incorporated (ADC) (nonprofit corporation that operates the Wallowa Lake Dam) to plan, design, and construct facilities needed to implement the Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation Program. Directs the Secretary, as a condition of providing funds, to ensure that: (1) the Rehabilitation Program meets the standards of the dam safety program of Oregon; (2) ADC agrees to assume liability for any work performed or supervised with federal funds provided to it under this section; and (3) the United States shall not be liable for damages arising out of any act relating to a facility rehabilitated or constructed with federal funds provided under this Act, both while and after activities are conducted using such funds. Limits the federal share of the cost of activities authorized under this section to 50%. Prohibits the federal government from holding title to, or being responsible for the operation and maintenance of, any facility rehabilitated or constructed under this section. Authorizes appropriations. Terminates the Secretary's authority to carry out this section 10 years after its enactment.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Secretary, acting through the Bureau, to participate in the Water for Irrigation, Streams and the Economy Project water management feasibility study and environmental impact statement in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement Between City of Medford and Bureau of Reclamation for the Water for Irrigation, Streams and the Economy Project, dated July 2, 2004. Authorizes appropriations. Sets the non-federal share at 50% of the Bureau's costs in carrying out this section. Permits the non-federal share to be in the form of certain in-kind services. Terminates the Secretary's authority to carry out this section 10 years after its enactment.

(Sec. 5) North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006 - Modifies a repayment contract between the Secretary and the North Unit Irrigation District, Oregon, to permit the District to engage in, or take advantage of, conserved water projects authorized by Oregon law. Authorizes the Secretary to renegotiate such contract terms as the District directors determine to be necessary, only upon the written request of the District directors and the consent of the Commissioner.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Sep 26, 2006:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 25, 2006:** Mr. Renzi moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 25, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6940-6941)
- **Sep 25, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5079.
- **Sep 25, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6940-6941)
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- **Sep 25, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2006:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 6, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 109-636.
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- **Sep 6, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 376.
- **Jun 21, 2006:** Subcommittee on Water and Power Discharged.
- **Jun 21, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 21, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 10, 2006:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 11, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Apr 11, 2006:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Introduced in House
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