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Senator Nash Secures Senate Win for Walla Walla Water Rights

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the Oregon Senate passed [Senate Bill 761](#), a key water management bill introduced by **Senator Todd Nash (R–Enterprise)** to promote long-term sustainability in the Walla Walla basin. The legislation is the result of a collaborative effort involving **the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**, **Representative Bobby Levy (R–Echo)**, and **former Senator Bill Hansell (R–Athena)**.

SB 761 strengthens local water rights and supports vital infrastructure projects that will benefit both farmers and fishers in the Umatilla Basin, boosting two of the region’s most important industries.

“Irrigation districts have a unique opportunity to save water through management efficiencies,” said **Senator Nash**, vice chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee. “This approach, which reduces water use but still allows for perennial crops, is analogous to only turning on the faucet when you need a drink, rather than letting it run all day.”

The bill balances the needs of farmers, irrigators, tribal goals, and environmental interests, ensuring the Walla Walla basin’s water supply remains viable for future generations.

SB 761 now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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