



Sunday, June 25, 2023

Lori Brocker
Secretary of the Senate

James Goulding
Publications Coordinator

Subject: Vote Explanation HB 2971 A

Dear Secretary Brocker and Publications Coordinator Goulding,

Please accept this vote explanation for HB 2971 A to become a permanent entry in the journal:

In attempt to comply with [Senate Rule 13.02](#), Oregon Statute [ORS 171.134](#), and [Legislative Councils Form and Style Manual](#), I am submitting the following revised measure summary:

The bill adds an in-stream water lease as a reason that farmland will not be disqualified from the property tax special assessment. The farmland must use accepted farm practices. The final order that approves the in-stream lease that is issued by the Oregon Water Resources Department must be sent to the county assessor. The bill applies to property tax years that start on or after July 1, 2024. It takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

FLESCH SCORE: 60.8

Senate President Robert Wagner has also submitted this redrafted summary in the form of the 3rd Reading Measure Digest as a floor letter in an attempt to comply with [Senate Rule 13.02](#), Oregon Statute [ORS 171.134](#), and [Legislative Councils Form and Style Manual](#).

Additionally, this revised summary has been read on the record by the bill carrier.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator David Brock Smith
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