Input on 2023 Legislative Concepts and Budget Packages
for the Oregon Water Resources Department

Your input is valuable to us. The earlier that we engage and receive input from you, the better we will be able to consider and incorporate your ideas and comments and collaborate with you. During the first meeting, we have put forward ideas from Water Resources Department staff in order to begin to obtain your feedback. Aside from WRD ideas, we are also looking for your ideas. Please note that in regards to legislation, the Department has limited bandwidth to take on a lot of legislative concepts and we generally try to limit legislative concepts to less than five. Proposals that are not brought forward this year are tracked and may be considered for future legislation. Understanding your legislative proposals, also helps us better to engage with you if you move forward on the legislation even if the Department does not run the legislation itself. Over time, proposals will be modified, added, removed, or refined we have more in-depth conversations.

Please provide your ideas and feedback within the two worksheets and email the worksheets to Bryn.Hudson@water.oregon.gov by March 1. This will allow us to prepare for the series of meetings that we will kick off in March.

You do not need to answer all of the questions below for each proposal. These questions are provided to help guide your feedback and to help you understand some of the information that is helpful to us over the course of the budget and legislative concept development process.

What kind of feedback are we looking for?

➢ Your own Proposals: Do you have ideas for budget packages or legislative concepts? What are your proposals? What is the problem you are trying to address and how would your proposal address it?
➢ Priority: Do you think a proposal should be a low or high priority for the agency?
➢ Strengths: What are the strengths of a proposal? Which proposals do you like? What do you like about it?
➢ Challenges: What are the weaknesses of a proposal? What could be improved? What are your concerns? Are there proposals that you think should be discussed in a different manner, or packaged differently?
➢ Information: What information should we be expected to provide about the proposal or what questions should we expect to be able to answer?
➢ Equity Impacts: What are the community equity outcomes and impacts associated with a proposal? What data are available or necessary to understand impacts of a proposal? Who benefits from the proposals and who is burdened by the proposals? How may programs benefit and/or burden Tribal/Native American, Black/ African American, Latino/a/x, Asian, Pacific Islander, Arab/Middle Eastern/North African, Immigrant, and Refugee communities?