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**2022 Bloom season Recap & Outlook for 2023**



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- 9:00 Introduction/Welcome, Theo Dreher, Oregon State University & OLA President**
- 9:10 Curtis Cude, OHA, 2022 CyanoHABs review, 2023 program and pilot project updates**
- 9:30 Gregg Baird, OHA, Cyanotoxin monitoring requirements for public water supply systems in OR**
- 9:50 Discussion**
- 10:00 Rochelle Labiosa, US-EPA Seattle office, US-EPA and support for CyanoHABs**
- 10:20 Al Johnson, US Forest Service, Forest Service HAB Monitoring**
- 10:30 Sarah Burnet (US Army Corps of Engineers) Corps HAB Monitoring & research**
- 10:40 Nathan Reetz, DEQ: 2022 DEQ HABs Activities: Program Review and Going Forward**
- 11:00 Dan Sobota, DEQ: Updated ODEQ CyanoHAB strategy, incl. weekly reports**
- 11:20 Stakeholder experiences: 2021 bloom season and outlook for 2022**  
Open participation: reports from around the state  
Impacts of 2020 wildfires on CyanoHABs monitoring and sampling?
- 12:00 Adjourn**

**What CyanoHAB research or monitoring is going on in Oregon?**

**1:00 PM** Welcome remarks

# House Bill 2647

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY, Senator TAYLOR; Representative PHAM K (Pre-session filed.)

## 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**.

Declares harmful algal blooms to be a menace to public health and welfare. Directs Oregon Health Authority to develop response strategy to harmful algal blooms, produce and maintain relevant data and develop protocol for advisory alerts.

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to identify water sources susceptible to harmful algal blooms, monitor and test susceptible waters, identify sources of pollutants, develop strategies to reduce pollutants, determine causes and prepare biennial report.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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Relating to water quality.

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

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 448.119 to 448.285.**

**SECTION 2. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds and declares harmful algal blooms to be a threat to safe drinking water supplies and a menace to public health and welfare.**

**(2) The Oregon Health Authority, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality as further provided for in section 4 of this 2023 Act, shall:**

**(a) Develop and maintain a coordinated state agency harmful algal bloom monitoring and response strategy.**

**(b) Prioritize monitoring of water sources that are susceptible to harmful algal blooms**