## MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2251STATUS: OriginalSUBJECT: Establishes removal-fill permit pilot programGOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of State LandsPREPARED BY: Dawn FarrREVIEWED BY: Susie Jordan, Paul SiebertDATE: February 5, 2007

EXPENDITURES:	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>
Personal Services - General Fund (GF)	\$ 140,286	\$ 140,286
Services and Supplies – GF	\$ 218,225	\$ 58,225
Capital Outlay - GF	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	\$ 361,511	\$ 201,511
<b>POSITIONS / FTE:</b> Natural Resource Specialist 4	1/1.0	1/1.0

## **EFFECTIVE DATE:** On Passage

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:** This bill is anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**COMMENTS:** The bill allows the Department of State Lands (DSL) to establish a removal-fill permit pilot program for streamlining the processing of applications for removal-fill permits. To implement the pilot, DSL requires a Natural Resource Specialist (NRS) 4 to provide technical information and interpretation of environmental laws and regulations to project proponents and stakeholders related to water-regulated permit programs. Staffing expenditures are \$158,511 per biennium (professional services \$140,286 and services and supplies \$18,225). DSL plans to work with the Institute for Natural Resources at Oregon State University (OSU) to develop data, software and internet applications that enables permit holders to prescreen fill and removal projects for potential impacts to wetlands. An automated application system will also be built to streamline the permit process and allow applications to be submitted on-line. One-time Professional Services costs associated with system development are estimated by OSU to be \$200,000 for 2007-09 and \$40,000 for 2009-11. Capital Outlay is \$3,000 per biennium. Total General Fund expenditures are \$361,551 for 2007-09 and \$201,511 for 2009-11. The bill would require a General Fund appropriation equal to the anticipated expenditures for each biennium.

The bill lists several other state agencies as possible participants. The bill indicates that participation by other state agencies is voluntary. It is assumed that agencies will participate as resources allow, and that the related fiscal impact is minimal.