

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Places Oregon Invasive Species Council (Council) within State Department of Agriculture (ODA). Adds two seats to Council: one representative from Department of Environmental Quality and one additional at large member. Authorizes Council to enter into contracts and adopt rules. Directs ODA to act as fiscal agent for Council. Deletes requirement that appointment of a coordinator must be by written order filed with Secretary of State. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Success of Council in addressing invasive species
- Department of Environmental Quality's experience with ballast water and aquatic invasive species
- Balance in Council membership

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Council was established in 2001 by the Legislative Assembly. The Council's purpose is to increase public awareness of invasive species and facilitate cooperation and coordination of projects related to invasive species. Currently, the Council is made up of eight at-large members and five agency representatives from Oregon Department of Agriculture, Fish and Wildlife, OSU Sea Grant, PSU Center for Lakes and Reservoirs, and Department of Forestry. The original statutory language anticipated that the Council would apply for and receive grants; however the statute is silent as to the means by which they conduct financial affairs and responsibilities related to the state public finance laws. House Bill 2213 places the Council within ODA and clarifies that ODA will act as the fiscal agent for the purposes of: budgeting, drafting and processing contracts; receiving money; and taking all necessary actions to ensure that the Council is in compliance with state financial administration laws