

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 7 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Clem

Nays: Wingard

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/7, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases or establishes certain fees related to hunting, angling and commercial fishing. Extends and increases certain surcharges. Creates Fish Passage Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Proposed fee and surcharge levels
- Agency programs supported by fees and surcharges
- Proposals to increase juvenile hunting and fishing
- Law enforcement issues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes various fees. Creates Fish Passage Fund.

BACKGROUND: The mission of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is “to protect and enhance Oregon’s fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.” The department’s 2009-2011 budget proposal includes increases in recreational and commercial fees to maintain agency programs and to provide some additional hunting and fishing opportunities.