

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 5 - 0 - 3

Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Gelser, Read, Roblan

Nays: 0

Exc.: Garrard, Jenson, Nolan

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Meeting Dates: 5/15, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife (the Department) to develop plan for reforming Department-operated fish hatcheries on Oregon coast. Specifies plan requirements. Directs Department to submit completed plan to interim legislative committee related to environment and natural resources for review on or before October 1, 2010. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Critical need to upgrade hatchery management and operations to make use of modern science
- Unknown effects of predation
- Unknown cost of improvement
- Hatchery productivity
- Deferred maintenance
- Pollution concerns
- Genetic effect of hatchery populations on natural fish runs
- Rescission of subsequent referral to Ways and Means

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: There are thirty-three coastal hatcheries in Oregon. Proponents assert that some management and operations are a hundred years old and the need to incorporate modern science is well overdue. Proponents further assert that modern science is available from several research sources, but needs to be compiled so that planning recommendations may be made. House Bill 3489 is the first step toward achieving that end.