

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Nelson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng. Measure

Vote: 21 - 0 - 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: Shields

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: 5/27, 6/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: The bill allows the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to evaluate the remote hatchbox program, in select Rogue River basin streams, including, but not limited to, matters related to hatchbox placement and monitoring, data collection, adult returns and fishery contribution.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal implications of the bill
- Evaluation can funded with Restoration and Enhancement funds

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Fish and Wildlife Commission has statutory responsibility for managing hatchbox programs under ORS 496.445 and 496.458. Elements of these statutes were developed after the Department of Fish and Wildlife engaged in a large hatchbox program throughout western Oregon from the mid-1980's through the early-1990's. During the 1999 legislative session the statutes were amended to ensure that hatchbox programs are scientifically sound and consistent with the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.