

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
Vote:	4 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays:	Boquist
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Herzog, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/26, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to evaluate remote hatchbox program in select Rogue River basin streams, beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2015. Outlines groups the Commission can consult with. Requires consultation include hatchbox placement and monitoring, data collection, adult returns, and fishery contribution. Sunsets January 2, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current hatchbox use in the Northwest
- Reduced disease risk with updated style of hatchbox
- Process explanation
- Opportunity for outdoor education

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

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.