

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
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Meeting Dates: 3/3, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to study fish hatcheries, impacts of pathogens on fish and hatchery operations, and financial pro forma statements that compare state-owned hatcheries costs with the costs of purchasing Desert Springs Trout Farm. Directs the Legislative Fiscal Office to assist with computing costs. Directs ODFW to submit a report to the Legislature on or before February 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Disease risk in hatcheries
- ODFW's process for monitoring disease

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: ODFW has a statutory responsibility for the health of fish in the state. ODFW's fish health staff conduct regular examinations of hatchery and naturally reared fish in order to identify potential threats and develop strategies to prevent or control disease issues. In 2008, ODFW conducted 1,994 fish examinations at state and private hatcheries and 111 examinations on naturally reared fish from 30 sites.