

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 22 - 0 - 0

House

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

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: 5/11, 6/24

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:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure. Directs the Department of Fish and Wildlife to utilize information available on the effective date of this measure to study fish hatcheries and make a report of the Department's findings. The measure includes specifications for the report and the report must be submitted to an interim committee of the Legislature on or before February 1, 2010. Declares and emergency effective on passage.

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.