

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: Atkinson

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Meeting Dates: 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires that the State Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) establish and develop a class of Blue Ribbon Fisheries. Requires ODFW to designate five rivers or streams and two lakes as Blue Ribbon Fisheries. Requires that ODFW develop Blue Ribbon Fisheries to provide for a wide range of recreational angling opportunities including catch and release, family-oriented fishing, fly fishing, and trophy angling. Requires ODFW to submit a report to the Legislature no later than October 15, 2010. Requires ODFW to submit a funding request to the 76th Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Opportunity to increase national and international appeal of Oregon's fisheries
- Success of other Blue Ribbon Fisheries programs
- Blue Ribbon Fisheries are consistent with the 25-Year Angling Enhancement Plan

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: ODFW currently manages select fisheries for "quality" or "trophy" fisheries as identified under the Trout Management or Warmwater Fish Management plans and adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission in Basin Fish Management plans. ODFW is in the process of implementing actions identified in the 25-Year Angling Enhancement Plan. Identified in this plan is the need to increase diversity and quality in Oregon's fisheries, including stall and flowing water trout fisheries.