## House Bill 2020

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

## **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.** 

Establishes Invasive Species Control Account. Continuously appropriates moneys from account to Invasive Species Council for purpose of issuing grants to eradicate new infestations of invasive species.

Authorizes State Treasurer, upon request of Invasive Species Council, to issue lottery bonds. Provides for net proceeds of lottery bond sale to be deposited into Invasive Species Control Account. Limits account expenditures by council for 2009-2011 biennium.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to invasive species; appropriating money; limiting expenditures; and declaring an emergency.
  - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
  - SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:
    - (1) Invasive species present a serious threat that adversely affects industries vital to the Oregon economy, including but not limited to the agriculture, forestry, fishing and tourism industries;
    - (2) Failure to control new infestations of invasive species in Oregon will reduce the productivity of Oregon industries and adversely affect marketing by those industries, resulting in a loss of business and the loss of existing jobs; and
    - (3) The control of new infestations of invasive species through grants issued by the Invasive Species Council will benefit the Oregon economy by preventing the loss of existing jobs, by promoting and expanding Oregon business and by preventing the decline of Oregon business.
    - SECTION 2. The Invasive Species Control Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Invasive Species Control Account shall be credited to the account. Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Invasive Species Council for the purpose of providing to agencies, organizations and individuals grants for eradicating new infestations of invasive species as defined in ORS 561.685.
    - SECTION 3. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, upon request of the Invasive Species Council, the State Treasurer may issue lottery bonds pursuant to ORS 286A.560 to 286A.585 in the amount of \$10 million for the purpose of funding grants to eradicate new infestations of invasive species. Net proceeds of lottery bonds issued under this section shall be deposited to the Invasive Species Control Account. Bond-related costs incurred by the Invasive Species Council and the State Treasurer for the lottery bonds authorized by this section must be paid from the gross proceeds of the lottery bonds and from allocations for

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1 the purposes of ORS 286A.576 (1)(c).

<u>SECTION 4.</u> Notwithstanding any other law limiting expenditures, the amount of \$2 million is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, as the maximum limit for payment of grants and expenses from the Invasive Species Control Account by the Invasive Species Council.

<u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect July 1, 2009.