

Senate Bill 724

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (at the request of Columbia River Business Alliance)

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**.

Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to develop and implement marine aquaculture program and to report to Legislative Assembly on progress of program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to marine aquaculture.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall develop and implement a**
5 **marine aquaculture program.**

6 **(2) To implement the marine aquaculture program required under subsection (1) of this**
7 **section, the commission shall:**

8 **(a) Identify sites in the waters of the Pacific Ocean that are suitable for marine**
9 **aquaculture;**

10 **(b) Develop a system for issuing leases for the sites that are suitable for marine**
11 **aquaculture;**

12 **(c) Establish best management practices for each site approved by the commission;**

13 **(d) Establish guidelines for the use of chemicals and antibiotics for fish raised in the**
14 **marine aquaculture program;**

15 **(e) Specify conditions for the renewal of lease for sites; and**

16 **(f) Require financial security for compliance with the requirements of the marine**
17 **aquaculture program.**

18 **SECTION 2. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules necessary to**
19 **implement the marine aquaculture program required under section 1 of this 2009 Act.**

20 **(2) Rules adopted by the commission under subsection (1) of this section shall:**

21 **(a) Ensure that the program is scientifically sound;**

22 **(b) Ensure the preservation of sensitive ocean and coastal habitats; and**

23 **(c) Consider the effects of marine aquaculture on other uses of Pacific Ocean resources.**

24 **(3) In adopting rules under this section, the commission may consult with the Depart-**
25 **ment of State Lands and the Department of Land Conservation and Development.**

26 **SECTION 3. The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall report annually to the Legis-**
27 **lative Assembly on the progress of the marine aquaculture program. The report must include**
28 **but need not be limited to the sites the commission has approved as suitable for marine**
29 **aquaculture under section 1 of this 2009 Act and a copy of rules the commission has adopted**
30 **under section 2 of this 2009 Act.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.