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HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE
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**76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE**

**MEASURE: HB 3374-1
CARRIER:**

**REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement issued
FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement issued**

Preliminary

Action:
Vote:
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Meeting Dates: 6/8

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Establishes an excise tax at the rate of five cents per pound on wild bird feed distributed into the state. Directs revenues from this tax to conservation programs. Establishes the wild bird conservation fund and defines the purpose of the fund to implement actions under the "Oregon Conservation Strategy" and to establish a full time position at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to work on avian conservation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
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EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: The -1 amendment reassigns the responsibility for the payment of the excise tax from the wholesale distributors to to the initial distributors who first distribute the wild bird seed in or into the state. The amendment also exempts wild bird seed that is used in the manufacture of commercial feed registered with the State Department of Agriculture. The amendment also provides that, with 20 days notice, the State Department of Agriculture may collect a penalty for a delinquent payment of the excise tax to be deposited into the Wild Bird Conservation Fund.

BACKGROUND: There is currently no excise tax on wild bird feed; this measure would establish one.