FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires that each application for issuance of license, tag or permit by State Fish and Wildlife Commission include separate section under which applicant may make voluntary contribution for predatory animal control in county or counties in which license, tag or permit allows person to hunt.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure requires that each application for a license, tag or permit issued by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) include a separate section for the applicant to make a voluntary contribution for predatory animal control within the counties that the license allows for the person to hunt. The measure requires ODFW to keep track of the contributions and make quarterly payments to each county an amount equal to the amount of contributions received for that county.

The measure establishes the Wildlife Conservation Fund separate and distinct from the General Fund, continuously appropriates the moneys in the fund to ODFW, and credits the interest earned back to the fund.

ODFW states that the measure will require a program adjustment to the Active Network point-of-sale system that generates licenses, tags, and permits to associate the specific purchases with the appropriate counties and allow for voluntary contributions separate from the cost of the license. Additionally a report will need to be developed in order to track total donations to be distributed. ODFW estimates a total cost of approximately \$45,000 Other Funds for the necessary changes to the point-of-sale system. The measure allows that the first \$45,000 in voluntary contributions received by ODFW will be used to make the appropriate modifications to the point-of-sale system.

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