#### FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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## **Measure Description:**

Reduces certain nonresident fees related to commercial fishing.

# **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

### **Summary of Revenue Impact:**

Agency – Fund Type	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Department of Fish & Wildlife – Other Funds	(\$575,408)	(\$767,210)

#### **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 reduces nonresident fees related to commercial fishing to an amount equal to \$50 above the resident fee amount for the same license. The measure applies to licenses issued for calendar year 2012 and beyond. Currently, the nonresident fees are significantly higher than resident fees, and may be a violation of the equal protection clause under Federal law.

Assuming nonresident licensing permit sales equivalent to 2010 totals, the Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates a total annual loss of revenue of \$383,605 Other Funds. Depending on the demand for certain nonresident licenses under the new fee structure, the amount of lost revenue may vary.

There is no expenditure impact to the Department as a result of this measure.

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