## 76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2127 CARRIER: CONSENT

**House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources** 

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

**Action:** Do Pass, Rescind the Subsequent Referral to Committee on Ways and Means

and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Boone, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Jenson

Nays: 0

Exc.: Cowan, Esquivel

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/11, 2/16, 2/25

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to create, and to contract for design and production of, annual habitat conservation stamp, including artwork and prints. Allows ODFW to charge maximum of \$50 for stamp with revenue deposited in Oregon Conservation Strategy subaccount.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ability of wildlife enthusiasts who are not hunters to contribute to habitat conservation efforts
- Existence of infrastructure within ODFW already in place to implement the program
- Desirability of stamps as collectables and artwork

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** ODFW has created and marketed stamps in the past, including but not limited to stamps relating to upland birds and waterfowl. Other states, including New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Minnesota, have implemented similar programs.