

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass with amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/19, 5/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Defines “shark fin” and “spiny dogfish.” Establishes person may not possess, sell or offer for sale, trade or distribute shark fins in state. Stipulates prohibition does not apply to person who possesses, sells trades, or distributes spiny dogfish shark fin that was legally taken or landed under rules adopted by Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in accordance with federal regulations, person who holds license or permit under commercial or recreational fishing laws or fish processor who holds license. Stipulates Act does not apply to person possessing shark fin on effective date of Act except that person may not sell, trade or distribute shark fin.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Shark populations declining worldwide
- Shark finning is illegal, but possession and sale are not
- Other states’ actions to prohibit sale, trade and distribution of shark fins

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Adds exemptions for person who holds license or permit under commercial or recreational fishing laws or fish processor who holds license.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon fisheries regulations conform to federal requirements prohibiting the removal of shark fins or tail at sea. However, some estimates show that internationally approximately 73 million sharks are finned and killed each year. Hawaii and several U.S. Pacific territories have banned the possession and or sale of shark fins. House Bill 2838 B establishes that a person may not possess, sell or offer for sale, trade or distribute shark fins unless it is a spiny dogfish or the person holds a license or permit in accordance with ODFW and federal regulations.