

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0  
Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: 4/28

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends Oregon Adopt-A-River program to include removal of certain invasive species, which will be identified in list created by State Marine Board. Requires State Marine Board to provide volunteer groups with instructions for removal of invasive species and best management practices regarding disposal and equipment decontamination.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Efficiency and cost-effectiveness of allowing invasive species removal as part of program
- Volunteer hours logged for Adopt-a-River program
- List of appropriate species to remove will be updated on regular basis

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

**BACKGROUND:** “Invasive species” are plants, animals, and microbes not native to a region which, when introduced, outcompete native species for available resources, reproduce prolifically, and dominate regions and ecosystems. Because they often arrive in new areas unaccompanied by their native predators, invasive species can be difficult to control. Left unchecked, many invasive species can transform entire ecosystems, as native species and habitats disappear. The 2009 Legislature passed a bill similar to House Bill 3157 with regard to the Oregon Adopt-A-Highway program (House Bill 2424).