

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Boone, Krieger, Thompson, Witt, Cannon, Gilliam
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/22, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to expand its pinniped hazing program at Willamette Falls from 5 to 7 days per week from February 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012 and February 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013. For biennium beginning July 1, 2011, sets maximum amount of \$112,932 for payment of hazing program expenses from ODFW funds. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent increase in sea lion populations
- Amount of fish consumed by sea lions in typical year
- Potential for sea lion contact with humans
- Non-lethal methods of reducing sea lion populations

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Seals, sea lions and walrus are in the taxonomic suborder *Pinnipedia*. The word pinnipedia translates from Latin as "fin foot," referring to the animals' fin-like flippers. Since the spring of 2008, wildlife managers for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) have removed a total of 40 California sea lions below the Bonneville dam, located some 145 miles upstream from the Columbia River mouth. Since 2003, the Army Corps of Engineers has documented approximately 100 California sea lions annually consuming an average of 3,000 spring Chinook salmon and steelhead at the Bonneville dam. House Bill 3255 A would require ODFW to expand its program of hazing, or nonlethally removing, pinnipeds during certain periods.