

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission to cooperate with local, state, and federal agencies and private landowners in fish and wildlife management. Requires Commission to work with local governments to mitigate adverse economic impacts when adding to list of threatened or endangered species.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Mandating collaboration
- Renewable energy opportunities and projects
- The definition of “mitigation strategies”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Current statute allows the Commission to advise, consult, and cooperate, but does not require advising, consulting, or cooperating with respect to fish and wildlife management. Current statute does not require consultation with affected cities and counties by the Commission before it determines that a species is threatened or endangered. Current statute does not require the Commission to work with cities and counties to mitigate the adverse economic impact of such determinations.

The State of Oregon and the federal government maintain separate lists of threatened and endangered species. These are species whose status is such that they are at some degree of risk of becoming extinct. Under State law (ORS 496.171-496.192) the Fish and Wildlife Commission through the Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains the list of native wildlife species in Oregon that have been determined to be either “threatened” or “endangered”. The lead federal agencies for implementing the Endangered Species Act are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service. The FWS maintains a worldwide list of endangered species. Species include birds, insects, fish, reptiles, mammals, crustaceans, flowers, grasses, and trees.

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