

**REVENUE: Revenue statement issued**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means  
**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Barnhart, Berger, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Hunt, Olson  
**Nays:** -  
**Exc.:** -  
**Prepared By:** Jim Stembridge, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 5/16, 6/2, 6/10, 6/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Reduces nonresident commercial-fishing fees to no more than \$50 more than resident fees.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Pending litigation
- Provisions of the measure
- Proposed amendment that would restrict Columbia River gillnet fishing

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Allows the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to charge the correct fee for the fishing year for which the license is issued, regardless of when the license is renewed.

**BACKGROUND:** Under current statute, nonresident commercial fishing fees are more than double residential fees, some as much as eight times higher, a possible violation of the equal protection clause (14<sup>th</sup> Amendment) of the U.S. Constitution. A lawsuit is said to be pending. House Bill 3657-A changes nonresident fees, making them consistently \$50 more than residential fees. Fee schedules:

<u>License</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Current Nonresident</u>	<u>HB 3657-A Nonresident</u>
Commercial Fishing (with boat license)	\$125	\$350	\$175
Boat	\$325	\$760	\$375
Commercial Fishing	\$ 80	\$290	\$130
Sea Urchin Fishery Participation	\$100	\$290	\$150
Roe-herring Fishery Participation	\$125	\$290	\$175
Columbia River Gillnet Vessel Permit	\$ 26	\$216	\$ 76
Ocean Troll Salmon Fishery Vessel Permit	\$ 35	\$225	\$ 85
Ocean Scallop Fishery Vessel Permit	\$125	\$290	\$175
Ocean Pink Shrimp Vessel Permit	\$125	\$290	\$175
Ocean Dungeness Crab Fishery Participation	\$125	\$290	\$175