

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Krieger  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson

Revenue: Revenue statement issued

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 22 – 3 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Richardson,  
G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays: Nolan

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: Girod, Thomsen

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 20, 2011

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the bill
- Provisions of the measure

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

**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 federal 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> | Current<br><u>Nonresident</u> | HB 3657-A<br><u>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                           |