

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Cowan
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Edwards

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 21 – 3 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Whisnant

Nays: Freeman, Garrard, Thatcher

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Bates

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Meeting Date: May 13, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes maximum fees for commercial growing, production, harvesting or distribution of shellfish. Increases the maximum allowable annual shellfish cultivation fee for persons using state lands for cultivation from \$4 to \$14 per acre. Specifies money is appropriated to Department of Agriculture to carry out provisions of ORS Chapter 622. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- ODA budget added back some General Fund to the program so the fees do not need to be raised as high as originally proposed.
- Desire to give agency flexibility to adopt lower fees than contained in the introduced version of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Gives Department of Agriculture authority to establish fees up to the maximum which are also established in the amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law authorizes the Department of Agriculture to certify shellfish operations; contract with the Oregon State Police for enforcement; and to inspect, sample and remove from sale any shellfish that is unfit for human consumption. The Department is also authorized to identify and manage state lands for cultivation of oyster, clams and mussels. Commercial shellfish license fees have not increased since 1997 and shellfish cultivation fees have not increased since 1969. Senate Bill 119 would establish maximum fees for commercial growing, production, harvesting or distribution of shellfish and authorize the Department to increase annual shellfish cultivation fee for persons using state lands for cultivation.