

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 24 – 0 – 1

House

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

Nays:

Exc: Thatcher

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 15, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Parks Subaccount. Requires Director of Parks and Recreation Department to report to Joint Ways and Means Committee on measurable biennial and cumulative results of activities and programs financed by Parks Subaccount. Establishes Natural Resources Subaccount and purposes for which funds may be used. Directs 65 percent of money in Natural Resources Subaccount to be deposited in Watershed Conservation Grant Fund (Grant Fund) and 35 percent in Watershed Conservation Operating Fund (Operating Fund), except under specific circumstances. Establishes purpose of Grant Fund, including implementation of the Oregon Plan, and funding watershed health and native fish recovery costs. Directs each state agency receiving money from Natural Resources Subaccount to report to Legislative Assembly on use of funds, including measurable biennial and cumulative results of activities and programs financed by Natural Resources Subaccount. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the bill removed by the amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes the fiscal from the bill. Eliminates the Research & Development account with interest on the Grant Fund and the Operating Fund now accruing to those funds. Keeps the old BM 66 accounts active until moneys in them can be expended under the rules of BM 66 so that these funds can be accounted for separately from new BM 76 monies as requested by the Sect of State for audit purposes.

BACKGROUND: Ballot Measure 76 (2010) amended the Oregon Constitution to continue the dedication of 15 percent of lottery fund revenues to the Parks and Natural Resources Fund. Ballot Measure 76 replaces Ballot Measure 66 (1998) which originally authorized the use of lottery funds for similar purposes.