

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Boone, Thompson, Witt, Cannon, Gilliam
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Krieger
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Meeting Dates:	4/26, 5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prescribes two procedures by which Department of State Lands may establish general permit for removal or fill: (1) by rule for applications on statewide or geographic basis; and (2) by order for applications covering recurring or ongoing activities substantially similar in nature and having predictable effects and outcomes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Desire to streamline permit issuing process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.795-990), enacted in 1967, requires anyone who plans to remove or fill material in waters of the state to first obtain a permit from the Department of State Lands. The purpose of the law is to protect public navigation, fishery, and recreational uses of the waters. "Waters of the state" includes "natural waterways, including all tidal and nontidal bays, intermittent streams, constantly flowing streams, lakes, wetlands and other bodies of water in this state, navigable and nonnavigable, including that portion of the Pacific Ocean that is in the boundaries of this state." Senate Bill 518 A would allow the Department of State Lands to issue general permits for removal or fill by rule or by order, depending on the type of permit application.