

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bailey, Bentz, Boone, Krieger, Thompson, Witt, Cannon, Gilliam
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Liz Puskar, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/26, 5/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), using existing resources, to study how best to implement four focus areas of Quality Fresh Waters Program and feasibility of increasing fees for nonresident angling licenses to fund Program. Requires ODFW to report to legislative committees on or before November 1, 2012. Sunsets January 2, 2014.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of nationwide marketing of Oregon’s natural resources
- Likelihood that out-of-state anglers will continue to fish in Oregon waters if fishing license fees are increased
- Ability of ODFW to conduct study under current staff and funding levels

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Specifies that, to the extent practicable, ODFW will be required to perform study at no additional cost and using existing resources.

**BACKGROUND:** The ODFW 25-Year Recreational Angling Enhancement Plan outlines goals for recreational fisheries management, describes actions and pilot programs to accomplish those goals, and identifies angling enhancement strategies. The Quality Fresh Waters Program outlined in Senate Bill 626 A is in harmony with this plan, and would include components such as fish management practices, fish research projects, the protection and restoration of fish habitats, and enforcement efforts.