

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Krieger

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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

Vote: 23 – 1 – 1

House

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

Nays: Freeman

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: Directs Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to study a program to develop and protect Oregon’s unique angling opportunities, entitled the Quality Fresh Waters Program. Requires the program to focus on fish management practices, fish research projects, protection and restoration of fish habitat, and enforcement efforts. Directs ODFW to review feasibility of increasing fees on non-resident angling licenses and other proposals to fund Program. Directs ODFW to report to interim legislative committees on or before November 1, 2012. Repeals Act on January 2, 2014.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the bill being accommodated through reprioritization of existing staff.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows Department to reprioritize staff workload allowing them to implement the bill.

BACKGROUND: The ODFW 25-Year Recreational Angling Enhancement Plan outlines goals for recreational fisheries management, identifies angling enhancement strategies and describes actions and pilot programs to accomplish the goals. Senate Bill 626 would direct ODFW to study a Quality Fresh Waters Program to develop and protect Oregon’s unique angling opportunities.