

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/24, 3/3

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to study program to develop and protect Oregon’s unique angling opportunities, entitled the Quality Fresh Waters Program (Program). Requires 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:**

- Program focus to develop and protect unique angling opportunities in Oregon
- Oregon’s reputation as world-class fishing destination
- Consistent with ODFW 25-Year Angling Plan
- Program as a marketing tool

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**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.