

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 626

Ordered by the House May 31
Including House Amendments dated May 31

Sponsored by Senators MORSE, ATKINSON, BATES, GIROD, DEVLIN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to undertake study of creating Quality Fresh Waters Program.
Sunsets January 2, 2014.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Quality Fresh Waters Program.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) To the extent practicable and at no additional cost, using existing re-**
5 **sources and without reallocation of resources, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife**
6 **shall undertake a study of creating a program, to be known as the Quality Fresh Waters**
7 **Program, that is devoted to enhancing the ability of the department to develop and protect**
8 **unique angling opportunities that contribute to the reputation of Oregon as a world-class**
9 **angling destination.**

10 **(2)(a) The Quality Fresh Waters Program shall focus on the following areas:**

11 **(A) Fish management practices;**

12 **(B) Fish research projects;**

13 **(C) The protection and restoration of fish habitat; and**

14 **(D) Enforcement efforts.**

15 **(b) The department shall study how to best implement each focus area specified in this**
16 **subsection within the context of the Quality Fresh Waters Program.**

17 **(3) The department shall study the feasibility of increasing the fees charged to nonresi-**
18 **dents for angling licenses, as well as other proposals, to fund the Quality Fresh Waters**
19 **Program.**

20 **(4) The department shall report the results of the study, and shall include recommen-**
21 **dations for legislation, including but not limited to those related to a long-term dedicated**
22 **funding source to implement the Quality Fresh Waters Program, to the interim legislative**
23 **committees on environment and natural resources on or before November 1, 2012.**

24 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2014.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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