

# Senate Bill 626

Sponsored by Senators MORSE, ATKINSON, BATES, GIROD

## 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 **as introduced**.

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) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall undertake a study of**  
5 **creating a program, to be known as the Quality Fresh Waters Program, that is devoted to**  
6 **enhancing the ability of the department to develop and protect unique angling opportunities**  
7 **that contribute to the reputation of Oregon as a world-class angling destination.**

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

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

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

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

12 (D) **Enforcement efforts.**

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

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

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

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 Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2014.**  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