

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/21, 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to consult with affected cities, counties, private landowners and local service districts prior to making determination that species is threatened or endangered. Requires Commission to work with affected cities, counties, private landowners and local service districts to mitigate adverse impact on local economies when Commission adds species to list of threatened species or endangered species. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure would institutionalize an existing process
- Increasing number of small energy projects
- Siting difficulty due to lack of certainty regarding species mitigation requirements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The State of Oregon and the federal government maintain separate lists of threatened and endangered species. These are species whose status is such that they are at some degree of risk of becoming extinct. Under state law (ORS 496.171-496.192) the Commission, through the Department of Fish and Wildlife, maintains the list of native wildlife species in Oregon that have been determined to be either “threatened” or “endangered.”

Current law requires the Commission to consult with federal agencies; other interested state agencies; other states with a common interest; and interested parties and organizations prior to making a determination that a species is threatened or endangered. House Bill 4006A adds affected cities, counties, private landowners and local service districts to the list of parties that must be consulted prior to a determination, and requires the Commission to work with affected cities, counties, private landowners and local service districts to mitigate the adverse economic impact of such determinations.