

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Clem, Esquivel, Krieger, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	McKeown
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Meeting Dates:	3/28, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board (Board) and specifies membership and duties. Board to consist of 13 members, including 10 voting members appointed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) director. Names hatchery research center located on Fall Creek, near Alsea, as Oregon Hatchery Research Center (Center). Lists activities to be carried out by Center pursuant to strategic directions and operation objectives established by Board. Directs ODFW to renegotiate any agreement with State Board of Higher Education related to Center before January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Perceptions of bias against hatchery fish
- History of Oregon Hatchery Research Center
- Interaction between native and hatchery fish

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC), located on Fall Creek just outside the community of Alsea, opened in October 2005. The OHRC site contains an education and research building with laboratory space, an interpretive center, offices, classrooms, audio/visual capability, conference rooms and dormitory-style living quarters. In addition, the OHRC site includes four artificial streams, fish-rearing facilities, maintenance shop, storage building, water treatment facilities and residences for three full-time employees. House Bill 3441 A would establish the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board to establish strategic direction and operational objectives for the OHRC.