

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	3 - 2 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bates, Hass, Dingfelder
<b>Nays:</b>	Hansell, Olsen
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Beth Reiley, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/15, 4/17

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits mining using motorized equipment in scenic waterways. Requires State Parks and Recreation Department to undertake study of certain waterways for possible consideration as scenic waterways and report back to Governor and Legislature on or before January 1, 2015. Declares emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Background of scenic waterways program
- Staff time necessary to complete study
- Descriptions of some of the rivers to be studied

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The people of Oregon established the Oregon Scenic Waterways Program in 1970. The Program strives to achieve a balance between protecting the rivers' natural resources and the equally valuable lives and plans of the people who live along them. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department must be notified of certain activities proposed within a 1/4 mile of the bank of Oregon's designated scenic waterways. Such activities include cutting of trees, mining, construction of roads, railroads, utilities, buildings, or other structures. The proposed uses or activities may not be started until the written notification is approved, or until one year after the notice is accepted. Senate Bill 401A directs the Parks and Recreation Department to undertake a study of certain waterways for consideration as scenic waterways and to report back to the Governor and the Legislature on or before January 1, 2015.