

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed) and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	4 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Hansell, Hass, Dingfelder
Nays:	Olsen
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/15, 5/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Oregon Hatchery Research Center Advisory Committee (Committee) and specifies membership. Stipulates Committee consists of 14 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 (OHRC) and requires OHRC to carry out certain duties, including but not limited to conducting research to implement and advance Oregon Plan and conducting research on genetic and ecological risk to naturally produced fish when hatchery fish are released. Requires Committee to: (1) recommend strategic directions and operation objectives for OHRC; (2) recommend research projects; (3) review research conducted and make recommendations regarding how research may be enhanced to meet strategic directions and operations objectives; and (4) recommend research proposals. Requires chairperson of department related to fish and wildlife at Oregon State University after consultation with ODFW Director and Committee to appoint OHRC Director. Directs ODFW to renegotiate any agreement with State Board of Higher Education related to OHRC before January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of OHRC
- Need for research on impact of hatchery fish on native fish and habitat
- How research projects should be selected
- Reporting requirements of Committee

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 B would establish the Oregon Hatchery Research Advisory Committee to recommend strategic direction and operational objectives for the OHRC.