

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL:

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/11, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes Invasive Species Council (Council) appointment of State Invasive Species Coordinator (Coordinator) mandatory. Establishes Coordinator as non voting ex officio member of Council. Clarifies 17 other members are authorized voting members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Invasive Species Council is a 17 member Council established by the Legislature in 2001. Currently, the Council has the authority to appoint a State Invasive Species Coordinator but it is not required. The Invasive Species Council was created to include a strong network of local, state, federal, tribal and private entities that actively and cooperatively combat the threat posed by harmful invasive species. The Council works to create a way for people to report invasive species to appropriate agencies, increase public involvement, conduct educational events and administer the Invasive Species Control Account for eradication and educational projects.

SB 209 makes the appointment of a State Invasive Species Coordinator mandatory.