

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Ways and Means**Action:****Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Incrementally increases or establishes certain fees related to hunting, angling and commercial fishing over six-year period, applicable January 1, 2016, January 1, 2018, and January 1, 2020. Consolidates fee provisions for certain hunting and angling fees into statutory fee schedule. Modifies existing surcharges. Extends landowner preference program. Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue youth license to resident and nonresident persons 12 through 17 years of age. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:****EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) receive funding from several sources. A third of ODFW's revenue comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. Another third comes from the federal government – much of it tied to the sale of hunting and fishing equipment. The rest of the department funding comes from a variety of sources. Most of that funding can be used only for specific purposes spelled out in grants, contracts or statute. Six percent of ODFW's revenue comes from Oregon's general tax dollars and the lottery combined. For the 2013 - 15 biennium, The Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staffs 25 district and field offices to provide customer service, operates 33 hatchery facilities and 15 fish - rearing facilities, and manages 16 wildlife areas with 1,262 full - time equivalent employees.