

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Bryan Theis, Committee Services Staff**Meeting Dates:** 3/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Fish and Wildlife to recoup costs incurred providing services to executive department agencies. Suspends authority of department to bill and collect funds from other agencies until fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017. Requires department to prepare statements showing charges beginning January 1, 2016. Requires department to adopt rules to implement provisions of Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments.

BACKGROUND: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W) has traditionally received its largest source of funding through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, tags and associated fees. Due to declining public interest in recreational hunting and fishing, revenues from licenses and fees are no longer adequate to fund department operations, including services provided to other state agencies.

House Bill 3315 requires ODF&W, starting with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, to track staff hours and hourly rates for professional, investigatory, administrative and clerical services, as well as capital outlay associated with services to other agencies. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017, the bill requires ODF&W to track expenditures and invoice to other state agencies for providing these services, which include providing assistance to the Oregon Water Resources Department in determining water rights, and assisting the Department of State Lands for the purpose of issuing “fill and removal” permits. The bill requires the department to estimate in advance anticipated expenses and to provide an invoice to executive department agencies for their share of expenses in the biennium. Each agency or other entity described in House Bill 3315 will be required to pay to the credit of ODF&W the amount invoiced as an administrative expense from funds or appropriations available to the invoiced agency or entity in the same manner as other claims against the state are paid.

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This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.