

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****Subsequent Referral: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Dan Roper, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to, prior to adopting new program or expanding existing program, provide notice and information to persons adversely impacted financially, establish advisory committee that includes impacted persons, contract with independent organization for cost-benefit analysis and scientific review, consider other means for accomplishing program goals, and hold public hearings in each geographic region that will be impacted. Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules to implement provisions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: (Proposed -1 Amendment) Removes requirement that notification be limited to only those persons impacted financially. Clarifies that analysis of program shall include anticipated economic, ecological, and social costs.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) accomplishes its mission through its fish and wildlife divisions and regional offices. Staff in these divisions and in the regional and field offices are supported by administrative divisions which include information and education, human resources, information systems, and administrative services. The seven-member Fish and Wildlife Commission, appointed by the governor, hires the agency director, sets policy and adopts administrative rules. For the 2013–15 biennium, ODFW staffs 25 district and field offices, operates 33 hatchery facilities and 15 fish-rearing facilities, and manages 16 wildlife areas, with a total of approximately 1,262 full-time equivalent employees.

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