

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact (-A6)**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued (-A6)****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:**Ayes, 53; Nays, 4--Bentz, Heard,
Weidner, Whitsett; Excused, 3**Prepared By:** Beth Reiley, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 5/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for two fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, to track and prepare statements reporting hours spent by ODFW personnel, and applicable hourly rate, performing recompensable assistance for other state executive department agencies. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017, requires ODFW to track and prepare statements and to invoice other agencies for services estimated to be provided in next biennium. Requires ODFW to reflect over- and under-payments in future estimates. Requires ODFW to report to Legislative Assembly on types of permit review work for which invoicing will be allowed, and list of statutes and rules applicable to permit review work carried out by ODFW on or before January 1, 2017. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: (Proposed -A6 Amendment) Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for four fiscal years beginning July 1, 2015, to track and prepare statements reporting hours spent by ODFW personnel, and applicable hourly rate, performing recompensable assistance for other state executive department agencies. For fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, requires ODFW to track and prepare statements and to invoice other agencies for services estimated to be provided in next biennium.

BACKGROUND: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has traditionally received its largest source of funding through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, tags and associated fees. In recent years revenues from licenses and fees are no longer adequate to fund ODFW operations, including services provided to other state agencies, such as 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.

House Bill 3315A directs ODFW to begin on July 1, 2017, billing other executive department agencies for costs of providing professional, investigatory, administrative and clerical services as well as capital outlays.