
MEMORANDUM

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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

From: Paul Siebert, Legislative Fiscal Office
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Date: June 13, 2015

Subject: HB 3459A
Work Session Recommendations

HB 3459A relates to outdoor recreation. The bill allows additional free fishing days, establishes a task force on outdoor activities investment planning, and establishes the Oregon Fishing Experience Enhancement Subaccount.

The –A2 amendment removes all sections of the bill except the section increasing the number of free fishing days the State Fish and Wildlife Commission can allow to 8 days.

Recommended Changes to HB 3459:

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends adoption of the –A2 amendment.

Motion #1: Move adoption of the -A2 amendment to HB 3459

Measure to Full

LFO recommends the measure be moved to the full Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion #2: Move HB 3459 as amended, to the full committee with a Do Pass recommendation.

Assignment of Carriers

Full: _____
2nd Chamber: _____

HB 3459-A2
(LC 3073)
6/8/15 (MAM/ps)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3459**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon
2 delete the rest of the line and insert “amending ORS 497.079.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 7.

4 Delete lines 13 through 24 and delete pages 2 through 5.

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FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3459 - A2

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

Prepared by: Tim Walker
Reviewed by: Paul Siebert
Date: 06/15/2015

Measure Description:

Increases frequency of days for which State Fish and Wildlife Commission may authorize persons to angle for fish or take shellfish without licenses or tags.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Analysis:

The proposed legislation has been determined to have
MINIMAL EXPENDITURE IMPACT
on state or local government.

While this individual measure has a “Minimal” fiscal impact, an agency may incur a net fiscal impact greater than minimal depending on the cumulative impact of all measures enacted into law that affect the agency.

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

Prepared By: June Starkey, Committee Assistant

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue order allowing angling of fish or taking of shellfish without licenses or tags for two days up to four times per year. Establishes Oregon Fishing Experience Enhancement Subaccount in Fish and Wildlife Account. Directs use of funds in Subaccount. Establishes nine member Oregon Outdoor Activities Investment Planning Task Force (Task Force). Directs Task Force to develop plan for increasing angling activities for Oregon residents under 17 and establish a 50 year strategic plan for increasing availability of high-quality outdoor recreational activities. Requires Task Force to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment and natural resources no later than September 15, 2016. Disbands Task Force on December 31, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Removes all sections of the bill except the section increasing the number of free fishing days the State Fish and Wildlife Commission can allow to 8 days.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) publicizes a free fishing weekend the first full weekend in June. While all existing regulations apply during this weekend, ODFW offers Oregon residents and visitors a full weekend to fish, crab and clam without a license or tags.

House Bill 3459 A would allow the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to offer 4 weekends or 8 days of license- and tag-free fishing per year.