

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/05/15

Action: Do Pass And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference

Meeting Dates: 02/05

House

Yeas: 7 - Barreto, Esquivel, Frederick, Witt, McKeown, McLain, Whitsett

Exc: 2 - Gorsek, Krieger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Abolishes Fish and Wildlife Deferred Maintenance Subaccount. Transfers unobligated principal remaining in subaccount to State Wildlife Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Deferred Maintenance Subaccount and decline in account principal
- How deferred maintenance needs at fish hatcheries are funded today
- Background on Pittman-Robertson funds
- Impact of rising hunting and fishing license fees and goal of keeping both affordable
- Need for more global, long-term solution to declining Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife revenue

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Fish and Wildlife Deferred Maintenance Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Interest earnings on moneys in the subaccount are credited to the subaccount with the account principal deriving from funds authorized by the Legislative Assembly from the State Wildlife Fund and moneys obtained by gift, grant, bequest or donation from any other public or private source. Interest earnings on the principal in the subaccount may be expended only for the maintenance of fish hatcheries and State Department of Fish and Wildlife facilities other than administrative facilities located in Salem.

House Bill 2452 abolishes the subaccount and transfers unobligated principal and remaining funds to the Fish and Wildlife Fund.