

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/21/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/31, 04/21

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Fagan, Holvey, McLain, Nearman, Rayfield, Stark

Exc: 1 - Buehler

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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. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Decline in number of hunting and fishing licenses issued, leading to decreased revenue for ODFW
- Uncompensated permit review work by ODFW leads to inaccurate accounting, inefficient use of staff time
- Whether ODFW charges to other state agencies would be passed along to permit holders

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

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. 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, 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 3315-A 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.