

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

MEASURE: HB 3315 B
CARRIER: Sen. Edwards

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/03/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments To The A-Eng Bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 05/27, 06/03

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Edwards, Prozanski, Thomsen

Exc: 1 - Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) 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. Requires ODFW for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019 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:

- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife budget
- Hunting and fishing license and tag revenue is funding ODFW's work for other agencies
- Uncompensated permit review work

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE 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:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has traditionally received its largest source of funding from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, tags and associated fees. In recent years, license and fee revenue has not been adequate to fund ODFW operations, including services provided to other state agencies. For example, providing assistance to the Oregon Water Resources Department in determining water rights and assisting the Department of State Lands for the purpose of issuing removal/fill permits.

Beginning on July 1, 2019, House Bill 3315B would direct ODFW to bill other executive department agencies for costs of providing professional, investigatory, administrative and clerical services as well as capital outlays.