

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3012 - B

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Establishes Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Summary of Revenue Impact:

| | 2015-17 Biennium | 2017-19 Biennium |
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| Other Funds | 907,000 | 1,205,000 |
| Total Funds | \$907,000 | \$1,205,000 |
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Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: This bill establishes the Oregon hatchery Research Center Fund to fund research projects recommended by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board. Any unobligated funds leftover as of July 1st of each year will be transferred to the Hatchery Construction Fund established by this bill. A \$1 surcharge will be added to most fishing licenses and a \$0.04 per pound surcharge will be levied on commercially harvested salmon. In addition, the bill will change the surcharge on commercially caught salmon and steelhead to the Restoration and Enhancement Fund from \$0.05 per pound to \$0.04 per pound. The bill also requires ODFW to prepare quarterly and annual financial reports for the fund and submit to the Legislative Assembly.

The surcharge on fishing licenses is estimated to raise approximately \$500,000 per year. The catch fee on commercially caught salmon would yield approximately \$141,000 per year. The change in the distribution to the Restoration and Enhancement Fund will result in a decrease in R&E Fund revenues by approximately \$35,000 per year.