

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2402 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on State Department of Fish and Wildlife Funding.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

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:

House Bill 2402 establishes the Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education. The task force is charged with identifying and recommending potential alternative and sustainable funding sources for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and opportunities for ODFW to better achieve its mission and conservation program objectives through leveraging funding sources. The task force is required to report to the Legislature within 30 days after its final meeting or at a time designated by the President and Speaker. The bill sunsets on December 31, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee (LAC)

The bill establishes the Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education Fund and appropriates \$200,000 General Fund to this newly established fund to be continuously appropriated to the Legislative Administration Committee to support the work of the task force. The bill allows LAC to accept contributions of moneys and assistance. Members of the task force are entitled to reimbursement, and Legislative Administration is required to provide staff for the task force. Any remaining moneys in the fund on December 31, 2016, revert back to the General Fund.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

This fiscal assumes that this bill will have minimal impact on ODFW. The Department will use existing staff and resources to provide the task force with existing available data, information, advice and other support.