

Senate Bill 125

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to take certain actions prior to adopting new programs or expanding existing programs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife Transparency Act.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act shall be known and may be cited as the State Department of Fish and Wildlife Transparency Act.

SECTION 2. (1) Whenever the State Department of Fish and Wildlife proposes to adopt a new program or expand existing programs in order to carry out the state wildlife policy, the department shall:

(a) At the earliest opportunity, give notice to persons likely to be adversely impacted financially by the proposed new or expanded program. The notice must include general information about the proposed new or expanded program and how the persons may be financially impacted.

(b) Establish an advisory committee that includes but is not limited to persons provided with notice under paragraph (a) of this subsection to assist in all aspects of developing the proposed new or expanded program.

(c) Contract with an independent organization to assist in an analysis of the anticipated costs of the proposed new or expanded program in comparison to the benefits received.

(d) Contract with an independent organization to conduct a scientific review of the proposed new or expanded program.

(e) Consider whether the goals of the proposed new or expanded program could otherwise be accomplished through the reorganization or reallocation of funding within other programs and take all feasible steps to adjust the proposed new or expanded program to realize the greatest benefit as compared to the costs of the program.

(f) In addition to any other public notice and hearings required by law, hold public hearings in each geographic region of the state that will be impacted by the proposed new or expanded program.

(2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may adopt rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.