

HB 3147 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 3/21, 4/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies requirements for selecting members for Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board (Board). Requires Director of Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department (ODFW) to consult with and take nominations or recommendations for Board from organizations that represent or are engaged in same interests as Board appointees are required to represent.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) opened in October 2005 with the express purpose of helping fishery managers understand and manage the interactions between hatchery and wild fish. The OHRC is a cooperative research project between the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. The OHRC Board was established in August 2013 in accordance with House Bill 3441. The Board consists of 15 members, including 12 voting members, and advises the OHRC Director on operational, budget and research priorities at the research center.

House Bill 3147 would require the Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to appoint members to the Board only after consulting with and taking nominations or recommendations from organizations that represent or are engaged in the same interests as the appointees are required to represent.