

HB 3147 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

Minimal fiscal impact, no revenue impact

House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 55; Excused, 5--Boone, Gorsek, Lininger, McKeown, Piluso.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No 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 and consists of 15 members, including 12 voting members, and advises the OHRC Director on operational, budget and research priorities at the research center.

In making appointments to the Board, House Bill 3147 would require the Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to consult with and take nominations or recommendations from organizations that represent or are engaged in the same interests that the appointees are required to represent.