

HB 2266 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/27/17

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes requirement to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance on July 1 each year from Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund (research fund) to Oregon Hatchery Construction Fund (construction fund). Establishes that construction fund consists of money appropriated by Legislative Assembly and moneys received by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for purposes of construction fund in form of gifts, grants, bequests, endowments, or donations. Repeals January 2, 2027 sunset of construction fund and transfers any unexpended and unobligated research fund to construction fund on that date. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current transfer of funds from research to construction on July 1
- Research hatchery priority projects
- Ongoing work on research agreements with Oregon State University

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds emergency clause.

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. House Bill 3012 (2015) established the OHRC Fund and established a surcharge on angling licenses and an additional commercial ad valorem catch fee, requiring moneys to be used for research projects recommended by the OHRC. The bill required any unexpended and unobligated balance in the research fund, as of July 1 each year, to be transferred into the Hatchery Construction Fund, which was also established by the 2015 bill.

House Bill 2266B would eliminate the requirement to transfer the remaining balance from the OHRC Fund to the Hatchery Construction Fund July 1 each year. It would also allow legislative appropriations, gifts, grants, bequests, endowments, or donations to be deposited into the Hatchery Construction Fund.