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Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2213**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “creating new provisions;
2 amending ORS 183.335 and 183.405;”.

3 After line 3, insert:

4 “Whereas today’s challenges facing fish, wildlife and habitat are not be-
5 ing met by the current funding model for the State Department of Fish and
6 Wildlife; and

7 “Whereas the Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife and Related
8 Outdoor Recreation and Education was established by House Bill 2402 during
9 the 2015 regular session of the Legislative Assembly (chapter 712, Oregon
10 Laws 2015) and was tasked with developing recommendations for strength-
11 ening the State Department of Fish and Wildlife’s ability to conserve natural
12 resources and connect Oregonians to nature through outdoor recreation and
13 education opportunities; and

14 “Whereas the December 2016 task force report to the Legislative Assem-
15 bly recommends potential alternative, sustainable funding sources for the
16 department, potential budget adjustments to ensure relevant department
17 program areas are funded in accordance with legislative direction and op-
18 portunities for the department to better achieve its mission through lever-
19 aging, coordinating and budgeting funds from alternate and existing sources;
20 and

21 “Whereas the task force recommendations are based on the importance

1 of taking immediate action to address the increasing complexity and costs
2 of conservation and management of fish, wildlife and habitat and related
3 recreational and educational opportunities; and

4 “Whereas population growth, development, infrastructure needs, climate
5 change and other natural and man-made changes all contribute to the in-
6 creasing complexity and costs faced by the department by placing new pres-
7 sures on Oregon’s fish, wildlife and wild places; and

8 “Whereas public attitudes, uses and demands related to recreation and the
9 aesthetic value of the natural world have developed to reflect changing
10 public needs and expectations concerning conservation, recreation and edu-
11 cation; and

12 “Whereas society is becoming disconnected from the natural world and
13 this disconnection impacts public health and well-being, as well as the future
14 of fish and wildlife in Oregon; and

15 “Whereas investments are necessary to ensure that future generations can
16 experience the natural world, to increase public understanding of the nu-
17 merous species of fish and wildlife that make Oregon home, to improve
18 hunting and fishing opportunities while reducing the hunting and fishing li-
19 cense fees that currently fund most conservation efforts, and to recognize
20 diversity by providing opportunities for all Oregonians to enjoy the state’s
21 rich outdoor heritage; and

22 “Whereas the increasing complexity and cost of conservation and man-
23 agement must be shared by all Oregonians; and

24 “Whereas addressing these challenges through implementation of the
25 department’s statutory mission and responsibilities requires new, diversified
26 and sustainable sources of revenue to supplement existing funding and to
27 ensure that Oregon is a leader in fish and wildlife conservation and man-
28 agement; and

29 “Whereas establishing an Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund is
30 a critical first step in providing the department with a vehicle to receive and

1 expend revenues dedicated to conservation, management, research, habitat
2 improvements, enforcement, outdoor recreation, education and other activ-
3 ities that serve to protect, maintain or enhance the fish and wildlife re-
4 sources of Oregon; now, therefore,”.

5 Delete lines 5 through 24 and delete pages 2 through 11 and insert:

6 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory**
7 **Committee is established as an advisory committee to the State Fish**
8 **and Wildlife Commission. The commission shall determine the number**
9 **of members of the committee and the geographical representation by**
10 **the members. The Governor shall appoint the members of the com-**
11 **mittee.**

12 **“(2) The committee shall review policies of the State Department**
13 **of Fish and Wildlife and make recommendations to the commission**
14 **and the department concerning the implementation of activities**
15 **funded by moneys in the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.**

16 **“(3) Members of the committee may not receive compensation for**
17 **service as members. However, subject to any applicable law regulating**
18 **travel and other expenses of state officers and employees, a member**
19 **may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses**
20 **incurred in the performance of official duties from moneys available**
21 **to the department for the purpose of reimbursement of committee**
22 **members.**

23 **“(4) The department and the committee jointly shall submit to each**
24 **odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly a re-**
25 **port on expenditure of moneys deposited in the Oregon Conservation**
26 **and Recreation Fund established under section 2 of this 2017 Act and**
27 **on the status of various activities funded by the moneys.**

28 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund is**
29 **established separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest**
30 **earned by the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund shall be**

1 credited to the fund.

2 “(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State
3 Department of Fish and Wildlife to carry out activities under the
4 wildlife laws that serve to protect, maintain or enhance fish and
5 wildlife resources in Oregon, including, but not limited to:

6 “(a) Promoting the health of Oregon’s ecosystems and fish and
7 wildlife species by implementing conservation programs and strategies
8 identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy, as defined in ORS
9 541.890, including conservation programs and strategies for the
10 nearshore identified in the marine component of the Oregon Conser-
11 vation Strategy;

12 “(b) Improving engagement of the public in outdoor recreation op-
13 portunities related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and
14 habitats;

15 “(c) Improving educational outreach and engagement of the public,
16 including diverse and underserved communities, related to and in
17 support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats; and

18 “(d) Other conservation, management, research, habitat improve-
19 ment, enforcement, outdoor recreation or education activities.

20 “(3) The fund shall consist of:

21 “(a) Moneys appropriated to the department for deposit in the fund
22 or otherwise transferred to the fund; and

23 “(b) Gifts, grants, contributions or other donations for use as de-
24 scribed in subsection (2) of this section, that are received by the de-
25 partment from any public or private source and caused to be deposited
26 and credited to the fund.

27 **“SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the State Department of Fish
28 and Wildlife, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the Gen-
29 eral Fund, the amount of \$11 million for deposit in the Oregon Con-
30 servation and Recreation Fund to be used for the purposes authorized

1 by section 2 of this 2017 Act.

2 **“SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate**
3 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
4 **declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect July 1, 2017.”.**

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