

SB 812 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$250,000 to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to be expended as grants to the Association of Oregon Counties to obtain contracted services to coordinate tide gate permitting. Appropriates \$262,000 to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to fund a position to provide technical support related to tide gate projects. Appropriates \$348,100 to ODFW to fund a position to provide fish passage engineering services related to tide gates. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes appropriation to Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. Appropriates \$250,000 to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to be expended as a block grant to the Association of Oregon Counties to obtain and manage services contracted with an independent third party to coordinate tide gate permitting.

BACKGROUND:

A tide gate is an opening through which water may flow freely when the tide sets in one direction, but which closes automatically and prevents the water from flowing in the other direction.

Senate Bill 812 would appropriate funding to assist in the permitting of tide gates.