

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to adopt by rule and administer program for authorizing voluntary projects for stream restoration and habitat improvement through construction of environmental restoration weirs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Water Resources Department (WRD)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Natural Resources to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation directs the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to adopt rules and administer a new program authorizing voluntary stream restoration projects through the construction of environmental restoration weirs in qualifying streams. Projects authorized through this program would be exempt fill and removal permits. ODFW must work in coordination with the Water Resources Department (WRD) to modify the environmental restoration weir if the environmental restoration weir is found to be resulting in injury to an existing water right. No later than September 15, 2028, ODFW must submit a report to the Legislative Assembly on the identified environmental and economic impacts of projects authorized under the program. ODFW may only require construction of appropriate fish passage under this paragraph subject to available funding for the construction in the Fish Passage Fund. A participants total costs for meeting the program requirements may not exceed 10% of the total cost of constructing the environmental restoration weirs.

The legislation is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on ODFW associated with staff workload and funding for the projects will have an impact on the Department's Fish Passage Fund. Impacts to WRD are anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required