

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**HB 2437**

**Relating to removal-fill laws**

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HB 2437 provides exceptions to permitting by the Department of State Lands for removal or fill activities for conducting maintenance of a traditionally maintained channel. The measure requires a person to file notice with the Department of Agriculture who will then notify Department of Fish and Wildlife. Both agencies are authorized to conduct site visits and recommendations.

The measure provides to the Department of Agriculture \$251,043 General Fund and one position (0.88 FTE) and to the Department of Fish and Wildlife \$202,433 General Fund and one position (0.88 FTE) to oversee the notification review process and conduct site visits.

The measure also directs the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University to conduct a study of impacts of maintenance activities in traditionally maintained channels. A report on the study is to be submitted to the Legislature by January 1, 2025. A \$206,588 General Fund appropriation is included in the measure to OSU for the study, which is expected to cost \$652,421 in total over the next three biennia.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2437 be amended by the -A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.