

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**HB 2574
Relating to shellfish**

HB 2574 includes three separate but related provisions regarding shellfish resources in Oregon.

First, the bill requires the Department of Land Conservation and Development to receive, consolidate, and organize public records of federal, state, or local governments concerning shellfish mariculture in Oregon and to arrange those materials into a suitable format for stakeholder access; making that information publicly accessible. The measure appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the department for those activities.

Second, the bill requires prospective applicants for the cultivation of oysters, clams, or mussels to participate in preapplication conference with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and other appropriate local, state, and federal agencies at least 30 days prior to filing application and appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the department for work related to the preapplication conferences.

Lastly, the bill requires the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish and administer a program for community outreach and education regarding opportunities for the recreational harvest of shellfish, and requires ODFW cooperate with Indian Tribes and the Oregon State Police in an effort to enhance enforcement of commercial and recreational shellfish catch limits. The measure appropriates \$160,000 from the General Fund to ODFW for administration and enforcement of the program.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2574 be reported out do pass.