

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2436

Relating to removal-fill laws

HB 2436 directs the Oregon Department of State Lands to develop a proposal for the partial assumption of the authority to administer permits for the discharge of dredge or fill materials under section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and eliminates certain restrictions on the purchase of credits from the Oregon Removal-Fill Mitigation Fund.

The bill also removes the requirement that the DSL director consider all items of an enumerated list of considerations related to a removal-fill permit application; allowing the director to determine that an application is, or is not, consistent with statutory requirements for a permit to be issued, regardless of consideration of those items.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means previously approved this bill.

The –B12 amendment removes those sections of the bill amending statute related to the required considerations of removal-fill permit issuance.

I recommend HB 2436 be amended by the –B12 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.