

HB 2066 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 02/12/19

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Witt

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates one-day angling license and related dedication of funds to fish screening and passage, fish restoration and enhancement programs, and the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund. Adds \$0.50 dedication of one-day angling and shellfish license to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund. Reduces one-day angling and shellfish license fee from \$32.50 to \$23.00, effective January 1, 2020, and from \$23.00 to \$22.50, effective January 1, 2027 (ORS 497.061). Authorizes Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish license and tag fees for specified angling activities that are less than the fee schedule amounts established in ORS 497.061.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of license cost on angling incentivization
- Merger of shellfish and angling licenses
- No one-day shellfish license currently

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 497.061 sets fees for hunting and angling licenses, permits, and tags. Currently, there is a one-day angling license fee of \$21.00 and a one-day angling and shellfish license fee of \$30.50.

House Bill 2066 would eliminate the one-day angling license, reduce the one-day angling and shellfish license fee, and authorize the Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish lower license and tag fees than the statutorily established fee for certain angling activities.