

**SB 812 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 04/04/19

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and referral to Rules and then to Ways and Means by prior reference.

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$250,000 out of General Fund to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to be expended as grants to the Association of Oregon Counties to obtain contracted services to coordinate tide gate permitting. Appropriates \$262,000 to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to fund a position to provide technical support related to tide gate projects. Appropriates \$348,100 to ODFW to fund a position to provide fish passage engineering services related to tide gates. Declares emergency, takes effect July 1, 2019.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Recommendation to move measure to Senate Rules Committee

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A tide gate is an opening through which water may flow freely when the tide sets in one direction, but which closes automatically and prevents the water from flowing in the other direction.

Senate Bill 812 would appropriate funding to assist in the permitting of tide gates.