

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2553

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Measure Description:

Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt certain requirements related to carcasses of returning hatchery fish.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Natural Resources to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation requires Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to adopt rules related to carcasses of returning hatchery fish; including retaining at least 50 percent of all adult hatchery produced fish returning to hatchery and placement of hatchery carcasses at seasonally appropriate times in natural spawning and rearing areas to enhance nutrient recycling. ODFW must prioritize sales of eggs and carcasses from hatchery facilities first to Oregon small businesses in communities with high rates of unemployment, and second to small businesses. The agency must conduct a biennial analysis of annual return rates of hatchery fish, and report to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 1 of odd-numbered years.

The measure is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on ODFW of \$79,743 per biennium for one seasonal (0.50 FTE) Natural Resource Specialist 1 position to analyze data and write reports. Furthermore, the agency will likely need to purchase an additional freezer for one-time cost of \$12,000. Further analysis will be conducted to determine if these costs can be funded with Other Funds from fee revenue or if a General Fund ask is appropriate. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required