

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 1025

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Measure Description:

Limits actions of persons that take clams for commercial purposes.

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 Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to the Senate Committee on Rules.

The legislation directs the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to adopt rules to limit the taking of clams for commercial purposes to sustainable levels and ensure that no more than 50 percent of the total take of clams for commercial purposes occurs in a single estuary. By 2020 ODFW must produce an annual assessment of the total take of clams for commercial purposes that occurred in the previous year for each estuary in Oregon. Every six years ODFW must produce a survey of the clam population in estuaries in which 45 percent or more of the total commercial take on clams occurred during three of more of the previous six years; the first survey must be done in 2025. ODFW must also produce a survey of the clam population in Tillamook Bay on or before September 15, 2020. Fees are increased for the annual resident commercial clam permit to \$375 and an annual nonresident commercial clam permit to \$525.

This legislation is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on ODFW related to additional staff workload and contractor expenses associated with scuba surveys of clam populations. Additional revenue resulting from the fee increase is estimated to generate \$7,200 Other Funds per biennium; which is unlikely to fund the entirety of the costs associated with the legislation. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Senate Committee on Rules.

Further Analysis Required