

SB 42 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Girod

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action Date: 05/24/19

Action: Do pass the B-Eng bill.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 10 - Beyer, Girod, Hansell, Heard, Johnson, Manning Jr, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Wagner

Exc: 2 - Frederick, Winters

House Vote

Yeas: 7 - Gomberg, Holvey, McLain, McLane, Nosse, Piluso, Rayfield

Exc: 2 - Smith G, Stark

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/22, 5/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes sunset on certain license and permit surcharges dedicated to fisheries restoration and enhancement program. Modifies requirement that three Restoration and Enhancement Board (R&E Board) members represent the commercial salmon industry. Changes requirement that the R&E Board meet at not more than 120-day intervals to at least four times per biennium. Clarifies requirement that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife use fees collected from salmon ranching permits to monitor the effect and impact of private salmon ranching on Oregon fishery resources. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Amount of angling license fees used for the Restoration and Enhancement program
- Clarification that Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund is not in current version of the bill and will sunset in 2021

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon legislature established the Restoration and Enhancement Program (R&E Program) in 1989 to improve recreational fishing opportunities and commercial salmon fisheries by restoring state-owned fish hatcheries, expanding hatchery production, enhancing natural fish production, and providing additional public access to fishing waters. Funding for the program comes from angling license fees for recreational and commercial permits and licenses. Under ORS 496.289, the R&E Board is currently required to meet every 120 days. Funding for the R&E Program is set to sunset on December 31, 2019.

SB 42 would remove the sunset on the funding for the R&E Program and change the R&E Board meeting requirement from every 120 days to at least four times each biennium.