

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2378

By COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

April 12

1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas salmonids are unable in many instances to access historic spawning areas due to the
3 withdrawal of waters for irrigation, barriers to migration and weather patterns; and

4 “Whereas the inability of salmonids to access historic spawning areas results in declines in
5 salmonid populations, leads to economic harm to recreational fisheries and local economies and
6 contributes to a reduction in biodiversity; and

7 “Whereas the Oregon Hatchery Research Center deems salmonid progeny from incubation boxes
8 to be wild, naturally produced salmonids due to the eggs having been hatched instream in gravel;
9 now, therefore,”.

10 Delete lines 4 through 7 and insert:

11 “**SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall carry out a fish incu-
12 bation box pilot program for the hatching of salmonids on historically salmon-bearing
13 waterways located in the counties of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine. The de-
14 partment shall conduct the pilot program for a period of 10 years.**

15 “**(2) The department shall work with the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, local salmon
16 and trout enhancement program volunteer groups and others to produce the most effective
17 pilot program practicable. The department shall use the eggs of at least six salmonid females,
18 or at least 18,000 eyed eggs, at each location operated under the pilot program.”.**

19 In line 9, after “box” insert “pilot”.

20 In line 11, before “program” insert “pilot”.

21 In line 16, after “box” insert “pilot”.

22