

Senate Bill 645

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST

SUMMARY

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Restricts use of certain moneys deposited in State Wildlife Fund.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to uses of State Wildlife Fund moneys; amending ORS 496.300.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 496.300 is amended to read:

496.300. (1) The State Wildlife Fund is established in the State Treasury separate and distinct from the General Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law, all moneys received by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission pursuant to the wildlife laws, except such as may be required as a revolving fund for payroll and emergency expenses, shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund are appropriated continuously to the commission to carry out the wildlife laws. Interest earnings on all moneys in the fund shall be retained in the fund.

(2)(a) The commission shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the State Wildlife Fund. The record shall indicate by separate cumulative accounts the source from which the moneys are derived and the individual activity or program against which each withdrawal is charged.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in ORS 496.303, moneys received by the commission and deposited in the State Wildlife Fund pursuant to the issuance of licenses, tags or permits for angling, taking, hunting or trapping activities may be used by the commission only to carry out those activities or programs that directly support or benefit the angling, taking, hunting or trapping activities for which the moneys were received.

[(b)] (c) Using the record created pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, the commission shall report, in the budget documents submitted to the Legislative Assembly, on the application of investment and interest earnings to the maintenance of fish hatcheries and other State Department of Fish and Wildlife facilities.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.