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## SUMMARY

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish and operate fish incubation box program for rearing of salmonids on suitable waterways in coastal areas of southern Oregon. Requires department to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2023, regarding establishment and operation of program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for program purposes.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to incubation boxes for salmonids; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall es-**  
4 **tablish and operate a fish incubation box program for the rearing of**  
5 **salmonids on salmon-bearing or potentially salmon-bearing waterways**  
6 **located in the Counties of Coos, Curry or Douglas and within 100 miles**  
7 **of the Pacific Ocean.**

8 **SECTION 2. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall report**  
9 **on the establishment and operation of the fish incubation box program**  
10 **required under section 1 of this 2022 Act, including but not limited to**  
11 **any findings or recommendations of the department regarding the**  
12 **program, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly relating**  
13 **to natural resources in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later**  
14 **than September 15, 2023.**

15 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**  
16 **ation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and**  
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1 **Wildlife, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General**  
2 **Fund, the amount of \$470,000, which the department shall expend for**  
3 **establishing and operating the fish incubation box program required**  
4 **under section 1 of this 2022 Act.**

5 **SECTION 4. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**  
6 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**  
7 **clared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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