

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 59 - 2

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Measure Description:

Eliminates sunset on Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

Analysis: The measure extends the sunset on the Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement fund until January 2, 2026 and continues the authorization for the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to charge endorsements on certain Columbia Basin Fishing Licenses and deposit endorsement moneys to the fund. Absent legislative action this fund is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2022.

The measure also stipulates that if the Commission adopts rules that decrease fishery impacts or the share of salmon allocated to Columbia River recreational fisheries or expands the areas or seasons where nontribal gillnets are permitted in mainstem lower Columbia River nontribal fisheries, as compared to the regulatory restrictions in place from 2017 to 2020, the Commission may not require or collect the endorsements the next calendar year.

The language in the measure is permissive and would require certain decisions by the Commission to result in the Commission’s inability to collect the Columbia River Endorsement. For context, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates that a calendar years’ worth of Columbia River Endorsement revenue amounts to approximately \$1.0 million Other Funds and around \$1.4 million Other Funds expenditures that fund fish production, monitoring and compliance, and enforcement.