

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3191**81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2021 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official*Prepared by: Haylee Morse-Miller  
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Date: March 31, 2021**Measure Description:**

Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt certain requirements related to carcasses of returning hatchery fish.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

|                    | <b>2021-23 Biennium</b> | <b>2023-25 Biennium</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| General Fund       | \$193,506               | \$225,509               |
| <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>\$193,506</b>        | <b>\$225,509</b>        |
| Positions          | 1                       | 1                       |
| FTE                | 0.75                    | 1.00                    |

**Analysis:**

HB 3191 directs the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules for the disposition of carcasses of adult hatchery-produced fish which return to hatchery facilities. At least half of the carcasses must be retained and then placed in natural spawning and rearing areas to enhance nutrient recycling. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is to conduct a biennial analysis on the annual return rates of hatchery-produced fish, and provide a report to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment and natural resources no later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year. The effective date of this measure is January 1, 2022.

ODFW will need additional resources to analyze return rates of hatchery-produced fish. ODFW notes that while the agency currently reports on return rates for fish tagged with coded wire tags, these results do not include untagged fish such as steelhead and trout which will need to be included as part of a comprehensive analysis of return rates.

In total, ODFW anticipates expenses of \$193,506 General Fund in 2021-23 and \$225,509 General Fund in 2023-25 as a result of this measure. These include:

- \$17,500 General Fund in 2021-23 related to purchase and operation of increased freezer storage for additional fish carcasses, as well as ongoing costs for freezer operation;
- \$151,006 General Fund in 2021-23 and \$198,009 General Fund in 2023-25 to hire one permanent, full-time Natural Resources Specialist 3 (0.75 FTE in 2021-23, 1.00 FTE in 2023-25) to analyze return rates on hatchery-produced fish; and,
- \$25,000 General Fund each biennium to tag additional fish and analyze results.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact.