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House Bill 2069

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AN ACT

Relating to sage grouse mitigation funding.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Sage Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Sage Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for supporting efforts to restore, protect, enhance or increase habitat for sage grouse. Expenditures from the fund may include but are not limited to expenditures for related administrative costs, related research or assessment activities or insurance for sage grouse habitat.

(2) The fund shall consist of moneys received by the department as fees in lieu of compensatory mitigation, pursuant to department rules adopted to implement the Oregon Sage-Grouse Action Plan and Executive Order 15-18 issued on September 16, 2015.

(3) Except as provided in this subsection, fund moneys may be deposited in the Oregon Short Term Fund established under ORS 293.728. Subject to approval by the State Treasurer, all or part of Sage Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund moneys may be placed in an investment pool designed for intermediate-term investment, as provided by ORS 293.701 to 293.857. Earnings from the investment of fund moneys shall be credited to the fund.