HB 4072 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish by rule fees for hunting, angling, and shellfish licenses, tags, and permits that are less than amount established in statutory fee schedule. Eliminates one-day angling license. Reduces maximum current and future one-day angling and shellfish license fee established in fee schedule as follows: the resident fee is changed from \$32.50 to \$23.00 and the non-resident fee is changed from \$32.50 to \$23.00. Provides for temporary partial dedication of one-day angling and shellfish license fee to Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund during the period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission direction to establish by rule fees for hunting, angling, and shellfish licenses, tags, and permits that are less than amount established in statutory fee schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The State Fish and Wildlife Commission is authorized to issue, to persons desiring to angle for fish or take shellfish, licenses, and tags upon payment of applicable fees as required under the fee schedule in ORS 497.061. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has identified, as part of recruiting, retaining, and reactivating anglers and hunters, that it would be useful to be able to offer discounted licenses or special cost incentives to encourage participation.

House Bill 4072 would allow Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to charge fees for hunting, angling, and shellfish licenses, tags, and permits that are less than amount established in statutory fee schedule.