

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4072 - 2

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Measure Description:

Allows State 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.

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 Revenue Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
Other Funds	-73,850	-315,887
Total Funds	-\$73,850	-\$315,887

Analysis:

HB 4072 - 2 eliminates the one-day angling license administered by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and decreases the rates for a one-day angling and shellfish license from \$32.50 to \$23.00. ODFW anticipates that the change in angling and shellfish license rates would decrease ODFW revenues by \$113,850 Other Funds in the 2021-23 biennium, and \$475,887 Other Funds in the 2023-25 biennium, based on projections of the proportion of customers who would spend less money to include the shellfish license on an angling trip.

The measure also creates two new fees, for Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Validation (\$2 for residents and \$4 for non-residents), and for Rogue-South Coast Wild Steelhead Harvest Cards (\$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents). Revenue from these fees is to be deposited in the new Rogue-South Coast Research and Monitoring Subaccount of the Fish and Wildlife Account. ODFW anticipates that the new Rouge-South Coast Steelhead fee revenue could total \$40,000 Other Funds in the 2021-23 biennium and \$160,000 Other Funds in the 2023-25 biennium, based on the number of licensed anglers in the area, survey results, harvest card returns, and other data gathered by ODFW. Funding would be used for new research and monitoring actions associated with implementing the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan, and could include creel surveys, water temperature and water flow monitoring, spawning surveys, genetic studies, and other associated work.

The measure also authorizes the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to utilize rulemaking to reduce fees for a license, tag, or permit below the statutorily listed amount. Fee reductions are not generally subject to legislative oversight or require fee ratification, however reduction of fees could have potential budgetary impacts that may need consideration.

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