

HB 2184 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 1/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Instructs the State Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to establish a program that awards \$5 for each take of smallmouth bass in the Coquille River. Appropriates General Fund moneys to the Commission to establish the program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Smallmouth bass is a nonnative freshwater fish, whose diet consists of crayfish, amphibians, insects, and smaller fish, including juvenile Chinook salmon. Their presence in the Coquille River was first confirmed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2011, who estimate that at that time, the species had already been in the river for multiple spawning cycles. There are currently no size or bag limits on smallmouth bass in the Coquille basin.

House Bill 2184 would establish an award program directed at the take of smallmouth bass in the Coquille River.