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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys to State Department of Fish and Wildlife, out of General Fund, for purposes related to chronic wasting disease.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 2532 - 1 appropriates \$1.2 million General Fund to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to increase staffing related to the wildlife health lab, and sample collection related to chronic wasting disease. The measure also appropriates a total of \$970,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to distribute to Oregon State University to develop and implement a chronic wasting disease program at the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in partnership with ODFW. This amount includes \$395,000 for equipment, and \$575,000 for personnel and supplies. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

This fiscal impact statement assumes that the funding provided by this measure is intended to be one-time since this bill only appropriates money for the 2023-25 biennium and does not specify establishment of an ongoing program.

The amount appropriated to ODFW is also included in Policy Option Package 115 in the agency's request budget.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required