

HB 2835 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

Action Date: 03/28/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-1-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Boice, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McLain, Owens, Scharf

Nays: 1 - Gamba

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 3/14, 3/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in consultation with the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee to award grants for projects that establish or improve public recreational fishing facilities located within an urban growth boundary. Requires projects awarded grants to serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon while considering opportunities to coordinate with the Restoration and Enhancement Board to enhance fishing access. Appropriates \$200,000 General Fund moneys to ODFW. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the program within the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Urban fishing programs in other states
- Nature and purpose of fund allocation

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2829 establishing the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF), along with an associated Advisory Committee to guide expenditures, and directed the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to use the fund to carry out activities to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon.

House Bill 2835 A would appropriate \$200,000 General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and direct the department, in consultation with the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee, to award grants for projects that establish or improve public recreational fishing facilities located within an urban growth boundary.