

HB 3086 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

Action Date: 04/03/23

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Rules.

Vote: 6-3-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Boice, Gamba, Hartman, Helm, Marsh, McLain

Nays: 3 - Levy B, Owens, Scharf

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/28, 3/30, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission must be appointed by the Governor and must consist of one member from each of Oregon’s five regional river management areas, one member from east of the Cascade Mountains and one member from west of the Cascade Mountains.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Diversity in Oregon
- Tribal support for the bill
- Equity issues related to the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission was formed in 1975 to formulate general state programs and policies concerning management of fish and wildlife resources and to establish seasons, methods, and bag limits for commercial and recreational take. Currently ORS 496.090 specifies that the commission consists of seven members, one member appointed from each congressional district and one member from east of the Cascade Mountains and one member from west of the Cascade Mountains. Oregon gained one congressional seat after the 2020 census, which creates an inconsistency in ORS 496.090 between the total number of commissioners and requirement to appoint one member from each congressional district.

House Bill 3086 would change the make up of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to consist of one member from each of Oregon’s five regional river management areas and one member from both east and west of the Cascade Mountains.