

House Bill 2179

Sponsored by Representatives SMITH DB, WRIGHT (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish and operate fish incubation nursery program for rearing of salmonids on suitable waterways in coastal areas of southern Oregon. Requires department to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2025, regarding establishment and operation of program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for program purposes.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to incubation nursery program for salmonids; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall establish and operate a fish**
5 **incubation nursery program for the rearing of salmonids on salmon-bearing or potentially**
6 **salmon-bearing waterways located in the Counties of Coos, Curry or Douglas and within 100**
7 **miles of the Pacific Ocean.**

8 **SECTION 2. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall report on the establishment**
9 **and operation of the fish incubation nursery program required under section 1 of this 2023**
10 **Act, including but not limited to any findings or recommendations of the department re-**
11 **garding the program, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly relating to na-**
12 **tural resources in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2025.**

13 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
14 **ated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,**
15 **out of the General Fund, the amount of \$470,000, which the department shall expend for es-**
16 **tablishing and operating the fish incubation nursery program required under section 1 of this**
17 **2023 Act.**

18 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
19 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
20 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.