

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2343

Relating to the Columbia Basin endorsement

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Levy

HB 2343 extends the sunset on the Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund, the Columbia Basin endorsement, and the exemption of the endorsement for youth and pioneer licenses six years from January 2, 2026, to January 2, 2032. Revenue received from the endorsement supports hatchery production, fishery monitoring, and Oregon State Police Enforcement in the Columbia Basin.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's budget bill, HB 5009, assumes passage of HB 2343 and includes \$1.5 million in estimated Other Funds revenue for the 2025-27 biennium relating to the extension.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2343 be reported out do pass.