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Bill Title: Relating to Oregon hatcheries.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Fish and Wildlife

<Corrected to reflect the extension of surcharge and ad valorem fee revenues for the Department of Fish and Wildlife.>

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal for the Department of Fish and Wildlife - see explanatory analysis.

Summary of Revenue Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ 275,000
Total Revenue Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ 275,000

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000
Total Revenue Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ 1,100,000

- The measure is expected to generate approximately \$1.1 million in Other Funds revenue per biennium to support hatchery monitoring and maintenance programs by extending the surcharge and ad valorem fees. The sunset date for these fees is extended from December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2036. Estimates for the 2025-27 biennium reflect the proportional impact of the extended sunset.

Measure Description

The measure renames the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund as the Oregon Hatchery Monitoring and Maintenance Fund, which is administered by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to ODFW and will be used to support programs that monitor and address the impacts of hatcheries on native fish species, as well as for maintenance needs at hatchery facilities. Expenditures from the fund must be evenly split between these two purposes on a biennial basis.

The measure extends the existing surcharge on resident and nonresident angling licenses, angling and shellfish licenses, and the ad valorem fees on fish species through December 31, 2036. ODFW will continue to deposit revenue from these fees into the Oregon Hatchery Monitoring and Maintenance Fund.

The measure requires ODFW to submit an annual financial report on the fund to the interim legislative committees related to the environment and natural resources. The sections governing the surcharge and ad valorem fees are repealed on January 2, 2037, and provisions related to fund management are repealed on January 2, 2039.

Fiscal Analysis

The Oregon Hatchery Research Center, previously funded through the fees included in this measure, was closed due to irreparable damage from landslides. As a result, the measure repeals statutes related to the Research Center, changes the name and references to the existing Fund, modifies the allowable expenditures from the Fund, and extends the fees. While the measure is expected to have a minimal expenditure impact, it is projected to increase revenue to the Oregon Hatchery Monitoring and Maintenance Fund by approximately \$275,000 in 2025-27 and \$1.1 million per biennium thereafter while in effect. This increase results from the extension of the surcharge on angling licenses and the ad valorem fees on fish species, which were previously set to expire on December 31, 2026, and will now continue through December 31, 2036.

The measure continues to require ODFW to submit an annual financial report on fund revenues, expenditures, and transfers to the interim legislative committees related to the environment and natural resources.

Relevant Dates

The requirement to deposit revenue from license fees apply to licenses issued on or before December 31, 2036, and is subsequently repealed on January 2, 2037.

The ad valorem fee imposed applies to fish caught on or before December 31, 2036, and is subsequently repealed on January 2, 2037.

The Oregon Hatchery Monitoring and Maintenance Fund is repealed on January 2, 2039.

Reporting requirements are repealed on January 2, 2039.

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.