

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 222

Ordered by the Senate March 24
Including Senate Amendments dated March 24

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (Pre-session 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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells ODFW to monitor smallmouth bass in certain rivers and to support programs to get rid of smallmouth bass in certain rivers. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.6).

[Digest: The Act tells an agency to create a program to protect salmon. (Flesch Readability Score: 74.8).]

[Directs the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to operate a program in southwest Oregon to control populations of species that prey on salmon.]

Directs the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to monitor the introduction of smallmouth bass into certain rivers and to support programs to eradicate smallmouth bass in certain rivers. Appropriates moneys to the department to carry out the purposes of the Act.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the protection of salmon; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that smallmouth bass prey on juvenile salmon.

(2) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall:

(a) Establish a program to monitor the introduction of smallmouth bass to rivers other than the Columbia River that drain into the Pacific Ocean.

(b) Support programs to eradicate smallmouth bass that are within rivers other than the Columbia River that drain into the Pacific Ocean.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

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.