REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Cheyenne Ross and Beth Patrino, Administrators
Meeting Dates:	3/31, 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Invasive Species Control Account (Account). Authorizes Invasive Species Council (Council) to spend money from Account to provide funding for efforts by agencies, organizations and individuals to eradicate or control new infestations and infections of invasive species. Directs Council to adopt criteria and procedures for funding. Lists costs that may be funded from Account, including payment of Council administrative expenses paid for by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Limits payment of administrative expenses to ODA to actual costs or 10 percent of Account funding, whichever is less. Authorizes State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds at Council's request in the amount of $10 million and limits Council's expenditures to $5 million. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Invasive species issues
- Purposes of the fund
- Cost-effectiveness of early detection and eradication

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Oregon is increasingly at-risk of aquatic species infestation. Other states attempting to address infestations after-the-fact are spending billions on eradication efforts. Oregon is trying to stay ahead of a potentially devastating problem by focusing on prevention, educating the public, and training law enforcement. House Bill 2020A would establish a fund to support rapid response and eradication efforts.