2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2218 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Surcharge to fund Access and Habitat Board activities
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Fish and Wildlife
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DATE: April 14, 2009 **--Revised--**

	2009-2011	2011-2013

EXPENDITURES:
See Comments.

REVENUES:
See Revenue Impact Statement prepared by the Legislative Revenue Office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 2009

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The bill increases the surcharge paid on resident and non-resident licenses and Sportsperson licenses from $2.00 to $4.00 that is credited to the Access and Habitat Fund; and, extends the sunset on surcharges to December 31, 2019.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife indicates that the bill would increase Other Funds revenues in the Access and Habitat Fund; see the Revenue Impact Statement. Additional Revenues will be used to fund improved access and habitat projects approved by the Access and Habitat Board. Activities of the Board are currently supported by 1.5 positions (1.5 FTE), which is expensed against the Access and Habitat Fund. ODFW indicates that this level of support will be sufficient to administer any additional projects that may result from the bill.

Without the bill, the resident and non-resident license surcharge will sunset resulting in Other Fund revenue decreases to the Access and Habitat Fund of $803,775 during 2009-11 and $883,783 during the 2011-13 biennia. ODFW also indicates that the number of future projects would need to be reduced by an indeterminate amount, and that staff would decrease to 0.5 positions (0.5 FTE) in the 2011-13 biennium.