FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue habitat conservation stamp and to charge fee not to exceed \$50 for stamp.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis

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.

Analysis:

The measure authorizes the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue an annual habitat conservation stamp for a fee not to exceed \$50. The measure establishes the Oregon Conservation Strategy Subaccount within the Fish and Wildlife Account and requires that all monies received from the stamp related fees to be deposited into the account and that those monies are dedicated to expenditures related to the stamp and for promotion and implementation activities identified in the "Oregon Conservation Strategy".

The Department estimates approximately 2,000 individual sales of the habitat conservation stamp. Under the measure's maximum allowable fee the Department would generate approximately \$100,000 of revenue in 2011-13. The purchase of the stamps is non-compulsory and the Department has not determined the exact fee that will be assessed at this time.

The expenditure impact is indeterminate but assumed minimal and any administration of the stamp sales program will be absorbed within existing resources.