

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Beth Patrino, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/29, 4/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases fees for commercial growing, production, harvesting or distribution of shellfish. Increases annual shellfish cultivation fee for persons using state lands for cultivation from \$4 to \$14 per acre. Specifies money is appropriated to Department of Agriculture to carry out provisions of ORS Chapter 622. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Shellfish program funding
- Oyster cultivation in Tillamook Bay
- Federal requirements for raw shellfish to enter interstate commerce

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon law authorizes the Department of Agriculture to certify shellfish operations; contract with the Oregon State Police for enforcement; and to inspect, sample and remove from sale any shellfish that is unfit for human consumption. The Department is also authorized to identify and manage state lands for cultivation of oyster, clams and mussels. Commercial shellfish license fees have not increased since 1997 and shellfish cultivation fees have not increased since 1969. Senate Bill 119 would increase fees for commercial growing, production, harvesting or distribution of shellfish and increase annual shellfish cultivation fee for persons using state lands for cultivation.