## Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee On Revenue

Fiscal:May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issuedRevenue:May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issuedAction Date:

Action: Meeting Dates: 02/25 Prepared By: Christine Broniak, Economist

#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Implements a tax of five cents per pound on wild bird feed distributed within or into Oregon. Provides that the tax may be collected by the initial distributor and paid to the Oregon Department of Agriculture. requires that fifty percent of the revenue go to the Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Fund and fifty percent of the revenue go to the Wild Bird Conservation Fund. Establishes these accounts. Sets out activities that may be funded by funds from these accounts. Sunsets the measure on January 1, 2023.

### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

# EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces bill

### **BACKGROUND:**

Oregon currently does not have a dedicated funding source for the management of nongame wildlife or Sage Grouse. The funds from this tax would be used to fund these activities.