

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

MEASURE: SB 209
CARRIER: Sen. Olsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/18/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/11, 02/18

Senate

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Edwards, Thomsen, Prozanski, Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Invasive Species Council (Council) to appoint State Invasive Species Coordinator (Coordinator). Establishes Coordinator as non-voting ex-officio member of Council. Clarifies 17 other Council members are authorized voting members.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Economic impact of invasive species
- Efforts to inspect boats travelling into Oregon from other areas

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (Council) is a 17 member Council established by the Legislature in 2001. The Council was created to include a network of local, state, federal, tribal and private entities that work to combat the threat posed by invasive species. The Council works to offer a way for people to report invasive species to appropriate agencies, increase public involvement, conduct educational events and administer the Invasive Species Control Account for eradication and educational projects. Currently, the Council has the authority to appoint a State Invasive Species Coordinator but it is not required.

Senate Bill 209 would make the appointment of a State Invasive Species Coordinator mandatory and clarifies the voting role of other Council members.