

HB 2437 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use

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Meeting Dates: 1/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes maintenance activities in dry, traditionally maintained channels to be conducted without removal or fill permit subject to certain conditions. Requires Department of State Lands (DSL) and Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to enter into a memorandum of understanding for ODA to implement and enforce provisions for maintenance of dry, traditionally maintained channels. Requires DSL to adopt by rule a general permit for maintenance activities in wet, traditionally maintained channels by January 1, 2028. Directs Oregon State University to conduct a study of impacts of maintenance activities on habitat complexity and other biological parameters. Requires OSU to submit results of study to Legislative Assembly, DSL, and ODA no later than January 1, 2025. Requires ODA to conduct evaluation based on study results. Requires ODA, DSL, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to jointly prepare biennial report on maintenance activities until January 2, 2030 sunset. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: