

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2067

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Measure Description:

Removes sunset dates for Oregon Landowner Damage Program and access and habitat programs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

The legislation repeals the sunset date for the Oregon Landowner Damage Program (OLDP), within the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Under current law, the OLD program would cease to exist on January 2, 2020 without changing or repealing the sunset date. The bill also removes the current December 31, 2019 sunset date for the funding source of the Access and Habitat Program; permitting \$4 of each of the following licensing fees to be deposited in the Access and Habitat Board Subaccount: resident annual combination license, resident annual hunting license, and nonresident annual hunting license. Absent an emergency clause, the bill becomes effective January 1, 2020.

Revenues for the OLDP are indeterminate because the funding from a \$30 fee for program registration, and a \$15 fee for modification of tag distributions are not deposited into a separate account but are instead deposited within the overall Other Funds revenue from licensing for agency operations. Furthermore, the program does generate revenue associated with hunting licenses and tags, and licenses issued because of the program are not tracked separately. Expenses associated with the program are also indeterminate as they are not tracked separately from the overall agency operations.

Revenues for the Access and Habitat Board Subaccount are estimated at \$1.90 million in the 2019-21 biennium and \$2.53 million in the 2021-23 biennium. Expenses to the subaccount are estimated at \$1.93 million in the 2019-21 biennium and \$2.58 million in the 2021-23 biennium to support special payments, services and supplies, and personal service costs associated with two positions; Natural Resource Specialist 3 (0.58 FTE) and an Administrative Specialist 2 (0.71 FTE). While the estimated expenses for the A&H Program exceed current revenues, the account has a substantial beginning balance from which it can draw down before the program would need to evaluate a change to the current fee structure.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that this legislation does not require any budgetary action, as continuation of OLDP, and funding for the A&H Program have already been assumed in the current service level of the agency budget (HB 5510).