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Measure Description:

Directs Department of State Lands to conduct study on potential changes to laws, or implementation of law, regulating removal or fill activities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Forestry (ODF), Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Department of State Lands (DSL), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on agriculture and Land Use to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation has a blank General Fund appropriation clause, in the 2019-21 biennium, to the Department of State Lands to be expended on developing a proposal for partial assumption of the authority to administer permits for the discharge of dredge or fill materials under section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. The proposal must be developed in collaboration with the following entities: Department of Justice, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Department of Agriculture, the State Forestry Department, the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Certain restrictions on the purchase of credits from the Oregon Removal-Fill Mitigation Fund are deleted and the bill specifies that credits may be purchased when mitigation bank credits are also available in the same region.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

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