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**Joint Committee on  
Ways and Means**

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**To:** Natural Resources Subcommittee  
**From:** John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** May 30, 2019  
**Subject:** HB 2437 – Relating to removal-fill laws, declaring an emergency

The legislation authorizes maintenance activities in dry channels to be conducted without a removal or fill permit from the Department of State Lands if a notice is filed with the Department of Agriculture (ODA) prior to initiating maintenance activities. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) must provide input on the notices. The College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University is directed to conduct a study of the impacts of maintenance activities in traditionally maintained channels and to submit the results of study no later than January 1, 2025. The bill has a fiscal impact of \$693,059 General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium for two positions (1.75 FTE) and study costs.

**Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A6 amendment which contains the language from the -A4 amendment and provides the General Fund appropriations.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -A6 amendment to HB 2437. (VOTE)**

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 2437, as amended by the -A6 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move HB 2437, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_