

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**HB 2829**

**Relating to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund**

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HB 2829 establishes the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund within the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for carrying out activities that serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon. The fund sunsets July 1, 2021. The measure also establishes the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee to make recommendations on the use of the money in the fund.

The recommended amendment establishes a \$1 million General Fund special purpose appropriation to the Emergency Board. This money is set aside for the 2019-21 biennium and can be released to the Department of Fish and Wildlife if \$1 million of private funds from non-state or federal sources are received as match. If matching funds are received, the Department may return to the Legislature for any necessary limitation or position authority. If matching funds are not received, the money in the special purpose appropriation is returned to the General Fund at the end of the 2019-21 biennium.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2829 be amended by the -4 amendment and reported out do pass, as amended.