House Bill 2378

Sponsored by Representative SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish and operate fish incubation box program for rearing of salmonids on suitable waterways in coastal areas of southern Oregon. Requires department to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020, regarding establishment and operation of program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for program purposes.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to incubation boxes for salmonids; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall establish and operate a fish incubation box program for the rearing of salmonids on salmon-bearing or potentially salmon-bearing waterways located in the Counties of Coos, Curry or Douglas and within _____ miles of the Pacific Ocean.

SECTION 2. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall report on the establishment and operation of the fish incubation box program required under section 1 of this 2019 Act, including but not limited to any findings or recommendations of the department regarding the program, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly relating to natural resources in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2020.

SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $_____, which may be expended for establishing and operating the fish incubation box program required under section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect July 1, 2019.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.