

**HB 2600 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Transfers moneys received from the state transient lodging tax at a rate in excess of 1.475 percent to Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (Fund). Applies to moneys received on or after effective date of Act. Repeals sunset of Fund. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2402 to establish a Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife, and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education. The Task Force developed recommendations to strengthen the ability of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to conserve natural resources, improve hunting and fishing opportunities, and connect Oregonians to nature through outdoor recreation and education opportunities. In 2019, House Bill 2829 established the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (Fund) and advisory committee and appropriated moneys in the Fund to the Emergency Board for allocation to ODFW contingent on deposit into the fund of an equal amount of money from sources other than federal or state government. The measure sunset the Fund on July 1, 2021.

House Bill 2600 would repeal the sunset of the Fund and transfer moneys received from the state transient lodging tax at a rate in excess of 1.475 percent to the Fund.