

## HB 3150 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to establish and operate a fish incubation box program (program) for rearing of salmonids on salmon-bearing or potentially salmon-bearing waterways located in Coos, Curry or Douglas counties and within 100 miles of the Pacific Ocean. Requires ODFW to report on the establishment and operation of the program, including but not limited to findings and recommendations of ODFW related to the program, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022. Appropriates \$470,000 General Fund moneys to ODFW for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 and authorizes ODFW to spend it to establish and operate the program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires that the \$470,000 appropriated from the General Fund to ODFW be expended to establish and operate the fish incubation box program.

#### BACKGROUND:

Incubation devices are generally placed along streams, where newly hatched unfed fry are released from the devices to augment fish populations. According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), production from incubation boxes has decreased since its peak in the late 1980's. A moratorium on all incubation device production programs was put in place during the mid to late 2000's, which resulted in most districts eliminating or reducing unfed fry releases. Incubation devices are often used for public education.

House Bill 3150 would require ODFW to establish and operate a fish incubation box program (program) for rearing of salmonids on salmon-bearing or potentially salmon-bearing waterways located in Coos, Curry or Douglas counties and within 100 miles of the Pacific Ocean. It would require ODFW to report on the program to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022 and appropriate \$470,000 from the General Fund to ODFW to establish and operate the program.