

**HB 3185 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Patterson

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery**

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**Action Date:** 05/19/21

**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Golden, Kennemer, Patterson, Prozanski

**Nays:** 1 - Heard

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/12, 5/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Defines “undisturbed wetland” as a wetland that has not been materially affected by human activity and as further defined by Oregon Department of State Lands by rule. Prohibits spreading of material in an undisturbed wetland during agricultural channel maintenance.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Purpose of measure is to clarify intent of agricultural channel maintenance program that was established in 2019

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2019, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2437 that authorized limited maintenance activities without a removal-fill permit from the Oregon Department of State Lands in dry, traditionally maintained, agricultural drainage channels under certain circumstances.

House Bill 3185 A would define “undisturbed wetland” and prohibit spreading of material in an undisturbed wetland during agricultural channel maintenance.