

# House Bill 2069

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## 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**.

Establishes Sage Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to State Department of Fish and Wildlife for supporting efforts to restore, protect, enhance or increase habitat for sage grouse, including for related administrative costs, related research or assessment activities or insurance for sage grouse habitat.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to sage grouse mitigation funding.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Sage Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund is established in**  
5 **the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the**  
6 **Sage Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in**  
7 **the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for**  
8 **supporting efforts to restore, protect, enhance or increase habitat for sage grouse. Expen-**  
9 **ditures from the fund may include but are not limited to expenditures for related adminis-**  
10 **trative costs, related research or assessment activities or insurance for sage grouse habitat.**

11 **(2) The fund shall consist of moneys received by the department as fees in lieu of**  
12 **compensatory mitigation, pursuant to department rules adopted to implement the Oregon**  
13 **Sage-Grouse Action Plan and Executive Order 15-18 issued on September 16, 2015.**

14 **(3) Except as provided in this subsection, fund moneys may be deposited in the Oregon**  
15 **Short Term Fund established under ORS 293.728. Subject to approval by the State Treasurer,**  
16 **all or part of Sage Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund moneys may be placed in**  
17 **an investment pool designed for intermediate-term investment, as provided by ORS 293.701**  
18 **to 293.857. Earnings from the investment of fund moneys shall be credited to the fund.**

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