

**SB 899 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 03/20/23

**Action:** Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Girod, Golden, Prozanski, Smith DB, Taylor

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/27, 3/20

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$480,000 General Fund moneys to the Invasive Species Council (Council) for emergency purposes, outreach and education, and operations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Challenges combatting invasive species in Oregon
- Level of resource support needed for effective mitigation and treatment
- Examples of Council emergency response to newly detected invasive species
- Impact of outreach and education programs

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Invasive species are nonnative organisms that cause economic or environmental harm and are capable of spreading to new areas of the state. Nonharmful exotic organisms and domestic livestock are not considered invasive species.

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (Council) was established by the legislature in 2001 to conduct a comprehensive and coordinated effort to prevent, detect, control, and eliminate invasive species harming the region's economy, health, and natural resources. The Council is responsible for maintaining an invasive species reporting hotline, educating the public about invasive species, developing a statewide plan for invasive species, and providing grants or loans for eradication of new invasions.

Senate Bill 899 would appropriate \$480,000 General Fund moneys to the Invasive Species Council for emergency purposes, outreach and education, and operations.