

Senate Bill 65

Sponsored by Senator FINDLEY, Representative OWENS (at the request of Tom McDonald) (Presession filed.)

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**.

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish program to purchase aquaculture products from private aquaculture facilities.

Directs department to annually audit, and assess cost of, department programs for raising fish and report results of audit and assessment to committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to wildlife.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to aquaculture products.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "aquaculture" means agriculture devoted to the**
5 **propagation, cultivation, maintenance, harvesting, processing, distribution and marketing of**
6 **aquatic plants or animals raised in marine, brackish or fresh water that are intended for**
7 **human consumption, bait or game purposes.**

8 **(2) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall establish a program to purchase**
9 **aquaculture products from private aquaculture facilities.**

10 **(3) In implementing the program, the department shall:**

11 **(a) Annually spend at least 20 percent of department moneys related to trout hatcheries**
12 **to purchase trout produced by private aquaculture facilities.**

13 **(b) Enter into purchase contracts with in-state private aquaculture facilities that last at**
14 **least one year but not more than five years, as decided by the private aquaculture facilities.**

15 **(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(b) of this section, the department may purchase**
16 **aquaculture products from out-of-state private aquaculture facilities if:**

17 **(a) In-state private aquaculture facilities are unable to provide specified aquaculture**
18 **products and the department provides in-state private aquaculture facilities with reasonable**
19 **notice of the department's intent to purchase aquaculture products from out-of-state private**
20 **aquaculture facilities; or**

21 **(b) Aquaculture products from in-state private aquaculture facilities are infected or dis-**
22 **eased.**

23 **SECTION 2. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall annually:**

24 **(1) Audit, and assess the cost of, department programs for raising fish.**

25 **(2) Report the results of the audit and assessment, in the manner provided by ORS**
26 **192.245, to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to wildlife.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.