HB 2773 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and directs the department, in consultation with the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee, to establish a grant program for projects that establish or improve public recreational fishing facilities located within an urban growth boundary.

Detailed Summary

Directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in consultation with the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee to establish a grant program for projects that build or improve public recreational fishing facilities located within an urban growth boundary. Requires projects awarded grants to serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon while considering opportunities to coordinate with the Restoration and Enhancement Board to enhance fishing access. Appropriates \$200,000 General Fund moneys to ODFW. Sunsets January 2, 2028. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed <u>House Bill 2829</u> establishing the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF), along with an associated Advisory Committee to guide expenditures, and directed the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to use the fund to carry out activities to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon.