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Bill Title: Relating to the protection of salmon.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Fish and Wildlife

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$ 1,245,171	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,245,171	7	1.63
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,245,171	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,245,171	7	1.63
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$ 1,080,658	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,080,658	7	1.75
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,080,658	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,080,658	7	1.75

Measure Description

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to establish a program to monitor the introduction of smallmouth bass in rivers outside the Columbia River that drain into the Pacific Ocean and support eradication efforts in these waterways. The measure appropriates \$1,000,000 General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium to ODFW to implement the program.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$1,245,171 General Fund and seven permanent positions (1.63 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium and \$1,080,658 General Fund and seven positions (1.75 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium.

Monitoring efforts would require one permanent full-time Natural Resource Specialist 3 (0.88 FTE in the 2025-27 biennium, 1.00 FTE in the 2027-29 biennium) to lead the program's monitoring operations, including planning, coordination, volunteer engagement, and data analysis. The monitoring crew would consist of three permanent seasonal Biological Science Assistants (0.33 FTE), each working four months per year to conduct field sampling and data collection.

The removal efforts would be led by one permanent seasonal Natural Resource Specialist 2 (0.42 FTE) for five months per year, responsible for prioritizing eradication efforts, training crews, and overseeing field operations. An additional two permanent seasonal Biological Science Assistants (0.33 FTE) would support removal efforts, operating electrofishing boats and removal equipment during the designated removal season.

The program would require \$200,000 for one-time equipment purchases in the 2025-27 biennium of two electrofishing boats. Additional ongoing costs include \$96,000 per biennium for fuel, vehicle leases through the Department of Administrative Services motor pool, and essential fieldwork equipment such as nets, personal protective gear, and storage for boats and other necessary supplies. Due to the remote nature of field

operations, funding would also support per diem, travel reimbursements, and lodging expenses for staff conducting monitoring and removal activities. The cost of eDNA sample analysis is estimated at \$330,000 per biennium, with at least 600 sites sampled at \$550 per sample.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.