

HB 2773 -9 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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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:

-9 The amendment replaces the measure and directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to use dedicated lottery bond funds to establish a grant program for building and improving public facilities that improve fishing access and that are located inside an urban growth boundary.

Detailed Summary

Replaces the measure. Makes legislative findings. Authorizes the State Treasurer to, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, issue lottery bonds in an amount that produces \$2 million in net proceeds and interest earnings, plus an additional amount to pay bond-related costs. Directs proceeds of lottery bonds to be transferred to a specified subaccount and directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to use funds to establish a grant program within the restoration and enhancement program to award grants for building and improving public facilities that improve fishing access that serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon, located inside an urban growth boundary. Sunsets the Act on January 2, 2033. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: Fiscal Impact Issued

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

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Oregon Legislative Assembly passed [House Bill 2829](#) 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.

PRELIMINARY