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**To:** Natural Resources Subcommittee  
**From:** Katie Bannikov, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** May 28, 2025  
**Subject:** HB 2345 – Relating to Oregon hatcheries  
Work Session Recommendations

The measure repeals statutes relating to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, which was closed due to irreparable damage from landslides. Additionally, the measure renames the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund to the Oregon Hatchery Monitoring and Maintenance Fund and modifies the authorized expenditures of the Fund. The authorized use of funds includes programs that monitor and address impacts of hatcheries on native fish species and hatchery facility maintenance and are required to be split evenly between the two on a biennial basis.

The existing surcharge is extended from December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2036. The Fund sunset date is extended from January 2, 2027, to January 2, 2037. Annual reporting requirements to the Legislature on fund revenues, expenditures and transfers are maintained.

The Department's appropriation bill, HB 5009, assumes passage of HB 2345 and includes \$1.1 million in estimated Other Funds revenue for the 2025-27 biennium.

### Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2345 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION:** I move HB 2345 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.  
(vote)

### Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: