

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2342

Relating to fees concerning wildlife

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Owens

HB 2342 increases various recreational and commercial hunting and angling licenses, permit, and tag fees incrementally over the course of six years, with the first increase on January 1, 2026, then January 1, 2028, and finally January 1, 2030.

Additionally, the measure establishes the Marine Fisheries Enhancement Fund subaccount that is continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to promote and enhance marine fisheries and marine conservation. The dedicated revenue source for the Fund is an ocean endorsement that is estimated to generate \$890,000 during the 2025-27 biennium.

The Department completed significant public engagement beginning in early 2024 about the need for fee increases and received feedback which was incorporated in the measure. The Department's budget bill, HB 5009, assumes passage of this measure and includes \$18.1 million in estimated Other Funds revenue for the 2025-27 biennium relating to the fee increases.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2342 be reported out do pass.