

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## HB 2345

### Relating to Oregon hatcheries

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Frederick

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HB 2345 repeals statutes relating to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, which was closed due to irreparable damage from landslides in 2023.

Additionally, the measure renames the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund to the Oregon Hatchery Monitoring and Maintenance Fund and modifies the authorized use of the Fund. Expenditures in the Fund must be split evenly on a biennial basis between programs that monitor and address impacts of hatcheries on native fish species and hatchery facility maintenance.

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

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2345 be reported out do pass.