

HB 2984 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

Action Date: 02/12/25

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Boice, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Owens

Exc: 1 - Scharf

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit into the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund to carry out activities related to water that serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
- Funding structure of and funding types for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

[House Bill 2829](#) (2019) established the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) and directed the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to use the fund to carry out activities to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon. The OCRF is funded primarily through General Fund allocations, as well as gifts, grants, and other contributions. Since the formation of the OCRF, 142 projects have been funded through six grant cycles.