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Bill Title: Relating to the Columbia Basin endorsement.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Fish and Wildlife

<Corrected to reflect extension of endorsement fee revenue for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.>

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Summary of Revenue Impact

Agency -- Fund Type	2025-27 Biennium	2027-29 Biennium
Department of Fish and Wildlife -- Other Funds	\$ 1,460,871	\$ 1,947,828
Total Revenue Impact	\$ 1,460,871	\$ 1,947,828

Measure Description

The measure extends the sunset for the Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund and related authorities from January 2, 2026, to January 2, 2032. This includes extending the State Fish and Wildlife Commission’s authority to charge a Columbia Basin endorsement fee on certain fishing licenses and deposit those fees into the fund. The measure also extends the exemption from these endorsement charges for youth and pioneer license holders through 2032.

Fiscal Analysis

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to have minimal impact for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

The Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund (CRFEF) provides funding for hatchery operations, fisheries monitoring, and enforcement activities related to Columbia River fisheries. CRFEF revenue supports salmon production in lower Columbia River Select Area Fisheries Enhancement (SAFE) areas and funds approximately 20% of all Columbia River recreational fisheries monitoring.

The measure extends the CRFEF sunset date from January 2, 2026, to January 2, 2032, allowing ODFW to continue collecting Columbia Basin endorsement fee revenue. Based on historical revenue from 2019 to 2024, the fee is projected to generate approximately \$1.46 million in 2025-27 and \$1.95 million in 2027-29.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.