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Bill Title: Relating to fees concerning wildlife; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: 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	\$18,100,000	\$31,200,000
Total Revenue Impact	\$18,100,000	\$31,200,000

Measure Description

The measure increases fees for various recreational and commercial fishing, hunting, and wildlife-related licenses and permits, including angling, hunting, shellfish, and combination licenses. Additionally, the measure raises fees for commercial fishing licenses, vessel permits, fish buyer and dealer licenses, and processing permits, while adjusting ad valorem fees based on the landed value of certain fisheries. These fees, administered by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), are increased over a six-year period, applicable January 1, 2026, January 1, 2028, and January 1, 2030.

The measure also authorizes ODFW to establish annual and daily ocean endorsements for fishing in ocean waters, except for shellfish, salmon, and steelhead trout. Revenue from these endorsements will be directed to the Marine Fisheries Enhancement Fund Subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only to promote and enhance marine fisheries and marine conservation.

Fiscal Analysis

The proposed fee adjustments are estimated to generate an additional \$18.1 million in Other Funds revenue for ODFW in the 2025-27 biennium. Of this amount, recreational license fee increases account for approximately \$17.2 million, of which \$890,000 is attributable to the new ocean endorsement, ad valorem fee increases contribute \$663,653, and commercial license fee increases are projected to generate \$219,265.

For the 2027-29 biennium, the fee adjustments are expected to increase ODFW Other Funds revenue by approximately \$31.2 million. Recreational license fee increases account for \$29.7 million, of which \$1.2 million is attributable to the new ocean endorsement, ad valorem fee increases total \$1.2 million, and commercial license fee increases are projected to generate \$384,455.

Expenditures relating to rule making are anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing agency resources.

Relevant Dates

The measure establishes January 1, 2026, as the operative date for various licensing, permitting, and fee adjustments administered by ODFW. Similar changes take effect on January 1, 2028, and January 1, 2030, as part of the phased implementation of fee increases and regulatory updates.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.