HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2981

By COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

April 15

In line 2 of the printed bill, after "species" insert "; and declaring an emergency".

Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

"SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$175,000 for the purpose of inspecting vessels and verifying compliance with ORS 783.625 to 783.640 to minimize the risk of introducing invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species into the waters of this state.

"SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$800,000 for distribution to the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs at Portland State University to monitor for invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species in Oregon's highest risk waterbodies.

"SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of contracting to update Oregon's waterbody vulnerability assessment for invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

"SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$150,000 for distribution to the Invasive Species Council for the purpose of facilitating interagency rapid response exercises to increase state preparedness to respond to detections of invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

"SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$20,000 for distribution to the Invasive Species Council for the purpose of leading an interagency group in the collaborative development of a framework for emergency declarations, and clarification of roles and responsibilities across agencies, related to the detection of invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

"SECTION 6. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect July 1, 2025.".