

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 221

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND
WATER

May 21

1 In line 2 of the printed A-engrossed bill, after “program;” insert “creating new provisions;
2 amending ORS 496.445;”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 19 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) To assist with assessing the use of fish incubation devices as a method
5 for enhancing or recovering salmon populations, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife
6 shall encourage one or more entities that participate in the salmon and trout enhancement
7 program described in ORS 496.440 to establish, and fund projects under, a fall Chinook
8 salmon incubation nursery program for the rearing of fall Chinook salmon on salmon-bearing
9 or potentially salmon-bearing waterways that are:**

10 **“(a) Located in Coos County; and**

11 **“(b) Within 100 miles of the Pacific Ocean.**

12 **“(2) If one or more entities establish, and fund projects under, a program described in
13 subsection (1) of this section:**

14 **“(a) The department may distribute eggs for use in the program only in a manner that
15 ensures that the entity or entities do not plant a combined total of more than 500,000 eggs
16 in any calendar year;**

17 **“(b) The department shall assist the entity or entities by providing guidance to ensure
18 that the program is scientifically sound and conducted in accordance with department poli-
19 cies; and**

20 **“(c) The entity or entities shall operate the program in accordance with the department’s
21 guidance under paragraph (b) of this subsection.**

22 **“(3) Under a program described in subsection (1) of this section, an entity:**

23 **“(a) May only use fish that originate from Coos County hatcheries to produce fertilized
24 eggs.**

25 **“(b) Shall annually report to the department, on or before a date determined by the de-
26 partment, on the program to describe, at a minimum:**

27 **“(A) The number of eggs deployed in incubation boxes.**

28 **“(B) The source and number of brood stock used.**

29 **“(C) The number and location of fish incubation boxes deployed.**

30 **“(D) The number of adult fish that return from the incubation boxes.**

31 **“(E) Any other data collected in association with the program.**

32 **“(4) This section does not apply to an incubation nursery program in Coos County that
33 is implemented pursuant to a cooperative management agreement between the Coquille In-
34 dian Tribe and the State Fish and Wildlife Commission.**

35 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2040.**

1 “**SECTION 3.** ORS 496.445 is amended to read:

2 “496.445. In carrying out the salmon and trout enhancement program, the State Fish and
3 Wildlife Commission shall:

4 “(1) Provide appropriate State Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel to act as community
5 advisors to cooperatively develop enhancement projects with citizen volunteers and to cooperatively
6 evaluate enhancement projects with the citizens responsible for project implementation.

7 “(2) Provide technical assistance to citizens responsible for implementation of enhancement
8 projects.

9 “(3) Coordinate the implementation of enhancement projects with the activities of department
10 staff and other agencies.

11 “(4) Provide educational and informational materials to promote public awareness and involve-
12 ment in the salmon and trout enhancement program.

13 “(5) Supervise the activities of citizens developing local brood stock for enhancement projects.

14 “(6) Grant funds to citizens for the implementation of approved enhancement projects from such
15 moneys as may be available to the commission therefor.

16 “(7) Develop and implement a remote hatchbox program as described in ORS 496.458.

17 “(8) Report annually to **a committee or interim committee of** the Legislative Assembly **re-**
18 **lated to wildlife, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245,** on the progress of:

19 “(a) The salmon and trout enhancement program **described in ORS 496.440.**

20 “(b) **Any fall Chinook salmon incubation nursery program described in section 1 of this**
21 **2025 Act.**

22 “**SECTION 4.** ORS 496.445, as amended by section 3 of this 2025 Act, is amended to read:

23 “496.445. In carrying out the salmon and trout enhancement program, the State Fish and
24 Wildlife Commission shall:

25 “(1) Provide appropriate State Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel to act as community
26 advisors to cooperatively develop enhancement projects with citizen volunteers and to cooperatively
27 evaluate enhancement projects with the citizens responsible for project implementation.

28 “(2) Provide technical assistance to citizens responsible for implementation of enhancement
29 projects.

30 “(3) Coordinate the implementation of enhancement projects with the activities of department
31 staff and other agencies.

32 “(4) Provide educational and informational materials to promote public awareness and involve-
33 ment in the salmon and trout enhancement program.

34 “(5) Supervise the activities of citizens developing local brood stock for enhancement projects.

35 “(6) Grant funds to citizens for the implementation of approved enhancement projects from such
36 moneys as may be available to the commission therefor.

37 “(7) Develop and implement a remote hatchbox program as described in ORS 496.458.

38 “(8) Report annually to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related
39 to wildlife, in the manner prescribed in ORS 192.245, on the progress of[:]

40 “[(a)] the salmon and trout enhancement program described in ORS 496.440.

41 “[(b) *Any fall Chinook salmon incubation nursery program described in section 1 of this 2025*
42 *Act.*]

43 “**SECTION 5. The amendments to ORS 496.445 by section 4 of this 2025 Act become op-**
44 **erative on January 2, 2040.**

45 “**SECTION 6. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.”.**

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