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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2345

I am adamantly opposed to HB 2345 for the following reasons:

- 1) HB2345 would immediately abolish OHRC with its 12-member board and confiscate the dedicated research funding then to be spent at the sole digression of ODFW with no oversight. It would eliminate funding for the OHRC director's assistant and the ongoing hatch box research project with the Coquille tribe. [*Fish management policy for the Oregon people should be based on a synthesis of related modern research at OHRC.]
 - 2) HB2345 allows Oregon fish management policy to be based on the potential biases of a single agency or person without regard to modern science or the desires of fisherman taxed.
 - 3) HB2345 confiscates the fund surcharged to fisherman, approximately one million dollars annually, which was dedicated to research related to restoring harvestable fish abundance and could be spent only on research approved by the OHRC board. ORS 498.833 (sec 2)
 - 4) HB2345 allows for those confiscated funds to be spent by a single agency or person with no oversight or specific use as evidenced by the use of ambiguous wording such as 'monitor', 'address' and 'work related'. HB sec 1. (2) (a & b) .
- This bill could doom Oregon's anadromous fishery. Kill it! Thank you