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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 2345
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2345

I OPPOSE [HB 2345].

At issue:

"...SECTION 1:...

(a) Programs to monitor and address impacts of hatcheries on native fish species; and

(b) Work related to maintenance needs at hatcheries.

(3) On a biennial basis, overall expenditures from the fund must be evenly split between the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section..."

*** I support the creation of two separate RESTRICTED USE FUNDS, one to support the Maintenance needs of the fisheries and a Research FUND to monitor and address the impacts on Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW).

Maintenance Fund: meets the needs of the fisheries (capital projects, general maintenance, etc.) Sources of funding: GENERAL FUND, Federal Sources, Fishing licenses, Climate and Energy Fees, etc.

Research Fund: to monitor POTWs discharges into Rivers and resulting effects upon the salmonid fishes. Sources of funding: GENERAL FUND: Reallocation of a portion of the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) from Tourism, POTW and STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, etc. The water temperature in the Willamette River is warming due to discharges from POTWs and the salmonids don't like the temperature change. The temperature change may also favor parasites that attack the salmonids.

With creative but conservative use of existing revenue streams and the construction of RESTRICTED USE FUNDS both Funding goals can be achieved in perpetuity.

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "A RESTRICTED USE FUND can only be used for the purpose created."