

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Hoyle
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Edwards

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 19 – 5 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan,
G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays: Freeman

Exc: Richardson

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Thomsen

Nays: Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 3, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Task Force on McKenzie River Subbasin (Task Force), and specifies composition of Task Force membership. Directs Task Force to prepare proposals relating to implementation by State Department of Fish and Wildlife of strategies in Upper Willamette River Conservation and Recovery Plan for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead. Requires Task Force to submit report to Legislative Assembly by October 1, 2012. Establishes McKenzie River Subbasin Fund. Specifies purposes for which Task Force may accept grants and donations for deposit into Fund, and for what purposes moneys in Fund may be used. Sunsets January 2, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Upper Willamette River Conservation and Recovery Plan for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead serves as a federal recovery plan for certain fish populations listed within the Endangered Species Act as important for the evolutionary legacy of the species. The Plan also serves as a State of Oregon conservation plan for the same populations within Species Management Units for State of Oregon risk assessment and conservation status of native fish species, which is guided by Oregon's Native Fish Conservation Policy. The Plan is designed to guide implementation of actions needed to conserve and recover these populations by providing an informed, strategic, and voluntary approach.