

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 545

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Including Senate Amendments dated April 23

Sponsored by Senators MORSE, ATKINSON, BATES

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to study certain topics related to pathogens that exist in fish hatcheries. Requires department to submit report on study to Legislative Assembly.]

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct study of fish hatcheries for purposes relating to environmental impact and fiscal feasibility of producing trout that are free, or almost free, of pathogens. Directs Legislative Fiscal Office to assist department in computing costs. Directs department to report findings to Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly on or before February 1, 2011.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to pathogens in fish hatcheries.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall conduct a study of fish**
5 **hatcheries and make a report of its findings. The report must:**

6 **(a) Summarize the environmental impact of producing trout that carry pathogens.**

7 **(b) Summarize the environmental impact of producing trout that carry pathogens in a**
8 **hatchery that also produces salmon and other species of fish.**

9 **(c) Summarize the impact on trout production resulting from the production, in the same**
10 **hatchery, of salmon that carry pathogens.**

11 **(d) Summarize the environmental benefits of producing hatchery trout in a pathogen-free**
12 **environment.**

13 **(e) Evaluate the risks associated with pathogens carried by trout produced by state-**
14 **owned hatcheries.**

15 **(f) Evaluate the risks associated with pathogens carried by trout produced by Desert**
16 **Springs Trout Farm.**

17 **(g) Compare the risks associated with pathogens carried by trout produced by state-**
18 **owned hatcheries with the risks associated with pathogens carried by trout produced by**
19 **Desert Springs Trout Farm.**

20 **(h) Evaluate the feasibility of producing trout that are free, or almost free, of pathogens**
21 **at state-owned hatcheries.**

22 **(i) Evaluate the feasibility of producing trout that are free, or almost free, of pathogens**
23 **at Desert Springs Trout Farm.**

24 **(j) Compare the feasibility of producing trout that are free, or almost free, of pathogens**
25 **at state-owned hatcheries with the feasibility of producing trout that are free, or almost**

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1 free, of pathogens at Desert Springs Trout Farm.

2 (k) Compare the capacity of state-owned hatcheries to produce trout with the capacity
3 of Desert Springs Trout Farm to produce trout.

4 (L) Include:

5 (A) An itemized list and description of hatchery modifications necessary to minimize or
6 eliminate pathogens carried by hatchery fish.

7 (B) The estimated cost of each modification listed under subparagraph (A) of this para-
8 graph.

9 (C) The estimated cost of purchasing and operating Desert Springs Trout Farm.

10 (D) The estimated cost of transporting trout by truck from state-owned hatcheries to the
11 waters of this state. Costs computed under this subparagraph shall be based on the maxi-
12 mum gross vehicle weight of trucks and the weight of trailers filled to capacity with water.

13 (E) The estimated cost of transporting trout by truck from state-owned hatcheries and
14 the Desert Springs Trout Farm to the waters of this state. Costs computed under this sub-
15 paragraph shall be based on the maximum gross vehicle weight of trucks and the weight of
16 trailers filled to capacity with water.

17 (F) A pro forma financial statement that compares the projected six-year cost of con-
18 tinuing to produce trout at state-owned hatcheries with the projected six-year cost of pur-
19 chasing Desert Springs Trout Farm and using the trout farm to facilitate and consolidate
20 trout production.

21 (2) The Legislative Fiscal Office shall assist the department in computing the costs re-
22 quired by subsection (1)(L) of this section.

23 (3) The department shall submit the report required by subsection (1) of this section to
24 the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on or before
25 February 1, 2011.

26 (4) For purposes of this section, "waters of this state" has the meaning given that term
27 in ORS 196.800.

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