

B-Engrossed
Senate Bill 545

Ordered by the Senate June 26
Including Senate Amendments dated April 23 and June 26

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.

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*] **specified interim legislative committees on or before February 1, 2010.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to pathogens in fish hatcheries; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall, utilizing information**
5 **available on the effective date of this 2009 Act, conduct a study of fish hatcheries and make**
6 **a report of its findings. The report must:**

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

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

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

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

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

16 (f) **Compare the feasibility of producing trout that are free, or almost free, of pathogens**
17 **at state-owned hatcheries with the feasibility of producing trout that are free, or almost**
18 **free, of pathogens at Desert Springs Trout Farm.**

19 (g) **Compare the capacity of state-owned hatcheries to produce trout with the capacity**
20 **of Desert Springs Trout Farm to produce trout.**

21 (h) **Assess, with an emphasis on reducing pathogens, the potential costs and benefits of**
22 **incorporating the Desert Springs Trout Farm into this state's trout production program af-**
23 **ter considering:**

24 (A) **Fish health;**

25 (B) **Environmental impacts;**

26 (C) **Fish production quality, quantity and flexibility;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 **(D) Fish distribution, holding, redistribution and release; and**
- 2 **(E) Anticipated necessary facility modifications and upgrades.**

3 **(2) The department shall submit the report required by subsection (1) of this section to**
4 **the interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources in the manner**
5 **provided in ORS 192.245 on or before February 1, 2010.**

6 **SECTION 2.** **This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
8 **on its passage.**

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