

House Bill 3315

Sponsored by Representative RAYFIELD

SUMMARY

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Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to recoup costs incurred in providing services to executive department agencies. Suspends authority of department to bill and collect funds from other agencies until fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017, but requires department to prepare statements showing charges beginning January 1, 2016.

Requires department to adopt rules to implement provisions of Act.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to providing financial support to state agencies for services rendered to other state agen-
3 cies; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:**

6 **(1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife has traditionally been funded largely**
7 **through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, tags and associated fees.**

8 **(2) Public interest in recreational hunting and fishing has declined to the degree that fee**
9 **revenues from licenses and fees are no longer adequate to fund department operations.**

10 **(3) The department does significant work and spends significant resources providing**
11 **services to other state agencies, but is not compensated for such services.**

12 **(4) The purposes of sections 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act are to provide stable funding for the**
13 **State Department of Fish and Wildlife and to provide a structure through which the costs**
14 **of department services are more equitably shared by the users of department services.**

15 **SECTION 2. (1) Subject to rules prescribed by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife,**
16 **in rendering assistance to the respective officers, departments, boards and commissions of**
17 **the executive department, as defined in ORS 174.112, the State Department of Fish and**
18 **Wildlife shall:**

19 **(a) For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2015, and before July 1, 2017, track and**
20 **prepare statements reporting the number of hours spent by department personnel perform-**
21 **ing services for any executive department agency or other entity described in this sub-**
22 **section, including an hourly rate that would be charged, based on the class of department**
23 **personnel performing the services. The department shall send statements to the agency re-**
24 **ceiving services, but may not charge for services.**

25 **(b) For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017, track and prepare statements re-**
26 **porting the number of hours spent by department personnel performing services for any**
27 **executive department agency or other entity described in this subsection, including an hourly**
28 **rate that would be charged, based on the class of department personnel performing the ser-**
29 **vices.**

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 **(2) The charges for which statements are prepared and, after July 1, 2017, billed include,**
2 **but are not limited to, costs of providing professional, investigatory, administrative and**
3 **clerical services and capital outlay.**

4 **SECTION 3. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall estimate in advance the**
5 **expenses that the department will incur during a biennium under section 2 of this 2015 Act,**
6 **and shall render to executive department agencies and other entities described in section 2**
7 **of this 2015 Act an invoice for their share of such expenses for periods within the biennium**
8 **and in sufficient amounts to provide reasonable cash operating requirements for the de-**
9 **partment within the biennial period. Each agency or other entity described in section 2 of**
10 **this 2015 Act shall pay to the credit of the department such invoice as an administrative**
11 **expense from funds or appropriations available to the invoiced agency or entity in the same**
12 **manner as other claims against the state are paid. If the estimated expenses for the agency**
13 **or other entity described in section 2 of this 2015 Act are more or less than actual expenses**
14 **for the period covered by the invoice, the difference shall be reflected in the next following**
15 **estimate of expenses.**

16 **SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2016.**

17 **(2) Section 3 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2017.**

18 **SECTION 5. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall adopt rules to implement**
19 **the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this 2015 Act on or before January 1, 2016, and may**
20 **modify those rules at any time thereafter.**

21 **SECTION 6. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
22 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
23 **on its passage.**