

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1394

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Clarifying the use of county road funds in salmon recovery projects.

Sponsors: By Representatives Eickmeyer, Schoesler, Rockefeller, Sump, Jackley, Kessler, Cox and Dunshee.

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

The use of county road funds is restricted to county road purposes.

County roads can affect streambeds and fish passage in those streams. The effects of a county road, including culverts, can impact streambeds beyond the county road right-of-way.

Summary:

Counties may use county road moneys for the removal of barriers to fish passage related to county roads if that removal is clearly the county's responsibility. This may include engineering services, stream bank stabilization, stream restoration, or channel modification. These expenditures may be used for activities beyond the county right-of-way if caused by the county road or culvert. Activities related to the removal of barriers to fish passage performed beyond the county right-of-way may not exceed 25 percent of project costs and the annual cost of activities may not exceed ½ of 1 percent of the county road budget.

Expenditure of county road moneys for removal of barriers to fish passage and accompanying streambed and stream bank repair is declared to not be a diversion from road purposes.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 98 0
Senate 46 0 (Senate amended)
House 92 0 (House concurred)

Effective: July 22, 2001

