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Sponsor(s): Representatives Eickmeyer, Schoesler, Rockefeller, Sump, Jackley, Kessler, Cox and Dunshee

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

HB 1394 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to clarify that streambed and stream bank restoration and stabilization activities conducted in conjunction with removal of barriers to fish passage constitute a county road purpose even if this work extends beyond the county right-of-way.

Provides that county road funds may be used beyond the county right-of-way for activities clearly associated with removal of fish passage barriers that are the responsibility of the county. Activities related to the removal of barriers to fish passage performed beyond the county right-of-way must not exceed twenty-five percent of the total cost of activities related to fish barrier removal on any one project, and the total annual cost of activities related to the removal of barriers to fish passage performed beyond the county rights-of-way must not exceed one-half of one percent of a county's annual road construction budget.

Declares that the use of county road funds beyond the county right-of-way for activities associated with the removal of fish barriers is permissive, and wholly within the discretion of the county legislative authority.