

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	3 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays:	Atkinson, Beyer
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits hunting or killing, or attempting to hunt or kill, an exotic mammal or game mammal held or obtained by a person. Authorizes the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to set rules governing where a mammal may be taken to be processed and condition where by a mammal may be euthanized. Allows the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife to impose conditions of a hunt.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Adequacy of current Department of Fish and Wildlife rules to prohibit canned hunts
- Existing canned hunt operations in Oregon

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes measure consistent with existing administrative rules that prohibit the hunting of confined exotic game animals. Removes the terms “wound or take” and replaces them with “kill.” Authorizes the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to set rules governing where a mammal may be taken to be processed for meat, leather or fur. Allows animal husbandry to be a condition where by a mammal may be euthanized. Allows the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife to impose conditions of a hunt when it is in the best interest of sound wildlife management.

BACKGROUND: Legislation prohibiting the hunting of privately-held, confined exotic and game animals, or “canned hunting,” was first introduced during the 1997 Legislative Session. Although the proposed legislation failed to pass, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, under its statutory authority, adopted rules in 1999 prohibiting the hunting of confined exotic game animals with certain exceptions. Attempts to enforce the administrative rule prohibiting canned hunting have led to lengthy legal challenges and proponents feel adoption of a canned hunt prohibition in statue would effectively close any legal loopholes. Several states, including Wisconsin, California and Wyoming, currently prohibit such hunts.