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76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

MEASURE: HB 2175 A
CARRIER: Rep. Cowan

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	7 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Jenson
Nays:	Boone
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Liz Puskar, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/7, 3/21, 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits officer to issue written notification to any person who places, scatters, or stores food, garbage or other attractant so as to knowingly constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement for bear, cougar, or wolf. Requires person receiving notification to remove food, garbage, or other attractant as directed. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential dangers posed when certain species of animal become habituated to contact with humans
- Lack of appropriate statute under which to prosecute persons who scatter food or garbage so as to attract potentially dangerous animals into populated areas
- Prosecution of Lincoln County woman who fed, over a period of months, a number of black bears
- Requirement that a person must act so as to “knowingly” create an enticement for wildlife in order to receive a written notification
- Species of animal included within the scope of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Change the list of “potentially habituated wildlife” to include only bear, cougar, and wolf; remove hunting license exemption; and make certain clarifying changes to the list of exempted activities, including change Section 3 (4)(a) to read “activities related to” agriculture and ranching operations, rather than “persons engaged in” agriculture and ranching operations.

BACKGROUND: The Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office requested this bill because of a series of incidents involving a Lincoln County woman who, repeatedly and consistently over a period of time, provided food to black bears on her property. The bears caused damage to the property of several of the woman’s neighbors.

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