

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/5, 5/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases damages for taking certain game mammals from \$800 to \$1,000. Deems damages stated in ORS 496.705 as value of wildlife for purposes of certain crimes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislature moved threshold for Class C felony to \$1,000 in 2009
- Clarification of damages for restitution purposes
- Poaching is a significant problem

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2439 would increase the damages for the unlawful taking or killing of certain game mammals and thereby allow such taking or killing to be prosecuted as a Class C felony.