

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Clem, Jenson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Sprenger
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Meeting Dates:	3/30, 4/5, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows taking of a gray wolf in defense of a person's life or life of another person.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of wolf management in Oregon
- Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is aware of three packs of wolves in Oregon, two of which they are currently monitoring
- Population objective for phase one of Oregon Wolf Plan is four breeding pairs in eastern Oregon for three consecutive years
- Federal delisting of gray wolves
- Livestock depredations

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2005, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted a Wolf Conservation and Management Plan to “ensure the conservation of gray wolves as required by Oregon law while protecting the social and economic interests of all Oregonians.” The plan includes provisions for monitoring and managing populations, developing education and communication programs, and responding to wolf interactions with wildlife, humans, and livestock. The Department has confirmed two breeding pairs and a minimum of 23 wolves in Oregon. House Bill 3562 would allow the taking of a gray wolf in defense of a person's life or life of another person.