

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. G. Smith
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and as Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 25 – 0 – 0

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Freeman, Garrard, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson, G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 24, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires applications for State Fish and Wildlife Commission licenses, tags, and permits to have a separate section where applicants can make voluntary contributions to be used for predatory animal control to the extent allowed under federal and state law. Establishes Wildlife Conservation Fund continuously appropriated to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission for holding contributions and distributing contributions to counties for predatory animal control programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Allows the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to use donations collected, up to \$45,000, to repay the costs of programming changes to the Department's Point-of-Sale system necessary to implement the bill.

BACKGROUND: Current statute (ORS 610.002) defines predatory animals to be feral swine, coyotes, rabbits, rodents, and birds that are or may be destructive to agriculture, but excluding game birds and other birds determined by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to be in need of protection. For House Bill 3636, predatory animals also include black bear, cougar, grey wolves, and other fur-bearing mammals (beaver, bobcat, fisher, marten, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, red fox, and gray fox).