

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/7, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to revoke licenses, tags, and permits when person is convicted of felony or Class A misdemeanor relating to the taking or sale of threatened or endangered species. Court to determine time period of revocation. Establishes fine equal to maximum for Class A misdemeanor as set in ORS 161.635 when person takes three or more times the daily bag limit or has two or more previous convictions for a Class A misdemeanor relating to violations of wildlife laws or rules. Establishes minimum fine equal to one-half maximum for Class A misdemeanor as set in ORS 161.635 when person takes raptor, sturgeon longer than six feet, or unlawfully engages in specific activities using wildlife or wildlife parts for profit or personal gain. Defines “previous conviction” to include conviction entered in same sentencing proceeding if for separate criminal episode.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent to address egregious wildlife violations
- Past legislation to address issue
- Poaching problem
- Cost of treating birds illegally shot

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: The state’s wildlife laws are intended to protect and enhance the long term health and equitable utilization of Oregon’s fish and wildlife resources and the habitat on which they depend. Senate Bill 924 A would direct the Fish and Wildlife Commission to revoke licenses, tags, and permits when a person is convicted of a felony or a Class A misdemeanor relating to the taking or sale of threatened or endangered species and establish both maximum and minimum fines for specified violations of the wildlife laws. The maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor under ORS 161.635 is \$6,250.