

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Esquivel, Krieger, McKeown, Reardon, Thompson, Unger, Whitsett, Witt
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Beth Patrino, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/9, 4/11, 4/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Makes person liable to landowner for resulting economic damage if person owns or possesses bison running at large or uncontrolled upon land. Notwithstanding livestock district petition, prohibits owner or possessor of bison or bison hybrids from permitting bison or bison hybrids to run at large. Adds bison to definition of “stray animal.” Applies to animals whose presence on land is discovered on or after effective date of Act. Specifies person who violates provisions of livestock district laws commits Class B violation; person who violates provisions of livestock district laws acting with criminal negligence is guilty of Class A misdemeanor.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Damage caused by bison running at large
- Current law addresses damage by other livestock
- Penalty for violation

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon law defines livestock districts and open range and sets the procedure and requirements for establishing or changing a livestock district. Bison are not currently included in the definition of “stray animal.” House Bill 2025 A would add bison to this definition and establish a bison owner’s liability for economic damages caused by bison running at large or uncontrolled upon the land.