

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules
Vote:	7 - 1 - 1
Yeas:	Clem, Esquivel, Krieger, McKeown, Thompson, Unger, Witt
Nays:	Reardon
Exc.:	Whitsett
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	4/9, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Proposes amendment to Oregon constitution establishing right to hunt, to fish, to trap and to harvest wildlife, including use of traditional methods. Refers proposed amendment to people for approval or rejection at next general election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Similar measures adopted in other states
- Importance of these activities to Oregonians
- Concern about potential restrictions on these activities
- Whether provision should be added to state constitution

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Seventeen states guarantee the right to hunt and fish in their constitutions, with 16 of those provisions approved by voters. While Vermont's language dates back to 1777, the rest of these constitutional provisions have passed since 1996. California and Rhode Island have language in their constitutions guaranteeing the right to fish, but not to hunt. House Joint Resolution 16 A proposes a constitutional amendment establishing the right to hunt, fish, trap and harvest wildlife, and refers the amendment to the state's voters at the next general election.