

House Bill 2147

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires State Fish and Wildlife Director to appoint Wildlife Damage Control Advisory Council.
Specifies duties of council.
Sunsets January 2, 2016.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to wildlife damage control.

3 Whereas crop losses and livestock deaths due to wildlife damage cost farmers and ranchers in
4 this state millions of dollars each year; and

5 Whereas additional millions of dollars in costs accrue to farmers and ranchers in this state from
6 wildlife damage to structures, veterinarian costs to treat injured livestock and preventative meas-
7 ures to deter wildlife; and

8 Whereas farmers, ranchers and other landowners in this state voluntarily provide significant
9 habitat for wildlife in this state, and the appropriate management of wildlife populations is imper-
10 ative so as to not create undue economic hardship to farmers, ranchers and other landowners in this
11 state; now, therefore,

12 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) **The State Fish and Wildlife Director, after consultation with the Director**
14 **of Agriculture, shall appoint a Wildlife Damage Control Advisory Council. Persons appointed**
15 **to the council serve at the pleasure of the State Fish and Wildlife Director. The council shall**
16 **meet semiannually to:**

17 (a) **Review information and make recommendations to agencies, as defined in ORS**
18 **183.310, regarding the development and coordination of programs and activities related to**
19 **wildlife damage control.**

20 (b) **Assist farmers, ranchers and other landowners in wildlife damage control.**

21 (2) **The last semiannual meeting of the council shall be held prior to June 1, 2015.**

22 (3) **Members of the council are not entitled to compensation or expenses under ORS**
23 **292.495.**

24 (4) **The State Fish and Wildlife Director shall report regarding the activities of the**
25 **Wildlife Damage Control Advisory Council to the interim committees of the Legislative As-**
26 **sembly related to environment and natural resources on or before October 31, 2014.**

27 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on January 2, 2016.**
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