

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2624

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 Delete lines 5 through 10 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) A county is exempt from the applicability of the provisions of ORS**
3 **498.164 related to cougars if a county measure is approved that exempts the county from the**
4 **applicability of the provisions of ORS 498.164 related to cougars. The measure may be pro-**
5 **posed by initiative petition, or referred to the people by the governing body of the county,**
6 **at an election held on a date specified in ORS 203.085 (1).**

7 **“(2) A county that is exempt from the applicability of the provisions of ORS 498.164 re-**
8 **lated to cougars pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall notify the State Department**
9 **of Fish and Wildlife.**

10 **“(3) The exemption of a county under this section does not affect the authority of the**
11 **State Fish and Wildlife Commission to manage cougars in the county under any other pro-**
12 **vision of the wildlife laws.”.**

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