

# Senate Bill 474

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## SUMMARY

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Adds raccoon to list of potentially habituated wildlife.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to raccoons; amending ORS 496.731.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 496.731 is amended to read:

5 496.731. (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Officer" means any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws pursuant to ORS 496.605,  
7 496.610 or 496.615.

8 (b) "Potentially habituated wildlife" means bear, cougar, coyote, **raccoon** and wolf.

9 (2) A person who places, deposits, distributes, stores or scatters food, garbage or any other  
10 attractant so as to knowingly constitute a lure, attraction or enticement for potentially habituated  
11 wildlife may be issued a written notification by an officer requiring the person to remove the food,  
12 garbage or other attractant within two days of notification.

13 (3) A person who receives a written notification under subsection (2) of this section shall remove  
14 the food, garbage or other attractant as directed.

15 (4) This section does not apply to:

16 (a) Activities related to an agricultural, forestry or ranching operation.

17 (b) Feeding potentially habituated wildlife with the State Fish and Wildlife Director's authori-  
18 zation. The director may authorize the feeding:

19 (A) In order to prevent damage to private property;

20 (B) In order to mitigate the population loss anticipated by a predicted winter mortality; or

21 (C) As a part of a research or management program.

22 (c) Waste disposal facilities operating in accordance with applicable federal, state and local  
23 laws.

24 (d) Zoos, wildlife refuges and persons that have a permit to keep wildlife in captivity for reha-  
25 bilitation or other purposes pursuant to ORS 497.228, 497.298 or 497.308.

26 (5) Nothing in this section affects any provision of ORS 498.164.  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.