

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

House Vote: Ayes, 57; Nays, 1--Gallegos

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Meeting Dates: 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands list of properties for which permit to use and explode fireworks to repel birds or other animals may be issued. Requires State Fire Marshal to issue permits for use of fireworks to persons having responsible charge of property who apply to State Fire Marshall if proposed use complies with applicable laws and rules. Requires fireworks to be purchased from a licensed wholesaler and stored in accordance with fire codes adopted by State Fire Marshal. Authorizes State Fire Marshal to revoke a permit if permit holder has violated certain laws or rules applicable to fireworks. Exempts federal and state agencies from permit requirements for use in control of predatory animals. Repeals ORS 480.124 pertaining to use of fireworks for repelling birds or animals.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Oregon law provides that an owner or lessee of property located outside of an incorporated city may purchase, maintain, use and explode fireworks on the owned or leased property for the purpose of scaring away or repelling birds or animals which are or may be injurious or destructive to forest or agricultural products or crops. Persons using and exploding fireworks for this purpose must first secure a permit from the State Fire Marshal.

House Bill 2432 would expand the list of properties for which a permit to use and explode fireworks to repel birds or other animals may be issued.