

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

MEASURE: HB 2432
CARRIER: Rep. Krieger

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/03/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/03

House

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Esquivel, Frederick, Gorsek, Witt, McKeown, McLain, Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Krieger

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands categories of land on which fireworks may be used to repel birds and other animals under permit issued by State Fire Marshall (Fire Marshall). Broadens eligible permit applicants to include land managers. Requires fireworks be purchased from licensed wholesaler and stored in accordance with Fire Marshall rules. Authorizes Fire Marshall to adopt rules for safe storage. Grants local governments concurrent enforcement authority with Fire Marshall for enforcement of storage related rules. Authorizes Fire Marshall to revoke permit for specified violations. Exempts State and Federal agencies from permit requirement in certain circumstances. Repeals ORS 480.122.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Time it takes to receive a permit
- Demand for permits
- Benefit of non-lethal methods of bird and animal control
- Fire concerns regarding use of fireworks
- Potential conflicts in residential areas
- Use of fireworks on golf course, estuaries and hatcheries
- Increasing problem posed by geese and cormorants

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law provides that an owner or lessee of forestland or farmland located outside of an incorporated city may use fireworks for repelling birds or animals that may be injurious to forest or agricultural crops. House Bill 2432 would expand the types of properties and facilities where fireworks may be used for bird or animal control to operations such as waste facilities, airports or hatcheries. The bill also provides that, along with owners and lessees, those with management authority on lands may be permit applicants.