Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2051 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Krieger

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact **Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/24/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 02/10, 03/24

Vote:

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

Exc: 1 - Barreto

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adjusts penalty for crime of criminal trespass in second degree in cases where trespass is related to hunting, angling, trapping or taking of wildlife. Establishes that criminal trespass in second degree is Class C misdemeanor if person has two or more convictions for such offense. Expands penalty for conviction of criminal trespass in second degree to include loss of privilege to apply for hunting or fishing license for period of two years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Review of classes of violations
- Extent of damages that can result to forest management efforts from trespass activities
- Need for appropriate and efficient penalties that do not tie up court resources unless necessary

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Adds specific activities that constitute criminal trespass in second degree if performed while in or upon real property unlawfully. Expands penalty for conviction of criminal trespass in second degree to include loss of privilege to apply for hunting or fishing license for period of two years.

BACKGROUND:

Under Oregon law, criminal trespass in the second degree is a Class C misdemeanor.

House Bill 2051 A would change criminal trespass in the second degree to a Class A violation in cases where the trespass is for the purpose of angling for, taking, hunting or trapping wildlife. In the event a person has two or more convictions for criminal trespass at the time of the offense, such offense is a Class C misdemeanor.