

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/16/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/16

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Esquivel, Frederick, Gorsek, Krieger, McKeown, McLain, Whitsett, Witt

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to study developing statewide predator management plan. Requires ODFW to present report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment and natural resources on or before September 15, 2016. Sunsets January 2, 2017.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Predator management plans
- Workgroup process and outcomes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon is home to a variety of predators, including cougars and wolves. Cougars were almost eliminated in Oregon in the 1960s, but now their population is back up to an estimated 5,700. Gray wolves, with an estimated population of 14 at the end of 2009, now have an estimated population of 77.

While ODFW has a statewide cougar management plan and a wolf conservation and management plan, House Bill 2182 would require ODFW to study the potential development of a comprehensive predator management plan.