

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/20/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/07, 05/20

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sprenger, Williamson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Mandates minimum fine for certain wildlife offenses. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Work group & history of Senate Bill 924 (2011)
- Role of judges and district attorneys in enforcement
- Enforcement challenges
- Rebuttable presumption
- International illegal wildlife trade and market
- Universal harm of poaching to Oregonians
- Amendments addressing black bears
- Restitution amounts and valuation of individual animal parts
- Unintentional takings
- Sturgeon takings and illegal caviar market

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The 76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 924 during the 2011 regular session. Senate Bill 924 mandated that offenders receive certain minimal penalties when they are convicted of certain wildlife crimes.

That bill, however, contained a sunset clause, which took effect in January 2015.

Senate Bill 175 reinstates Senate Bill 924 without a sunset clause.