

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2534

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “Commission” insert a period and delete the rest of  
2 the line.

3 Delete line 3 and insert:

4 “Whereas it is the intent of the Legislative Assembly that the wildlife laws embody the sporting  
5 ethic of fair chase hunting as it relates to the use of drones in the pursuit of wildlife; now,  
6 therefore,”.

7 Delete lines 5 through 31 and delete pages 2 through 5 and insert:

8 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules prohibiting the  
9 use of drones for the following purposes related to the pursuit of wildlife:**

10 **“(a) Angling;**

11 **“(b) Hunting;**

12 **“(c) Trapping;**

13 **“(d) Aiding angling, hunting or trapping through the use of drones to harass, track, lo-  
14 cate or scout wildlife; and**

15 **“(e) Interfering in the acts of a person who is lawfully angling, hunting or trapping.**

16 **“(2) Rules adopted to carry out the prohibitions provided for in this section may include  
17 exemptions for:**

18 **“(a) Subject to ORS 837.360 and 837.365, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and  
19 the department’s agents and contractors for the use of drones in carrying out the duties of  
20 the department; or**

21 **“(b) The use of drones in a manner otherwise prohibited under this section if the purpose  
22 of the use is to benefit wildlife management or habitat or for the protection of property.**

23 **“(3) Nothing in this section is meant to limit the use of drones by a person who is law-  
24 fully engaging in activities authorized under the commercial fishing laws.**

25 **“(4) As used in this section, ‘drone’ means:**

26 **“(a) An unmanned flying machine;**

27 **“(b) An unmanned water-based vehicle; or**

28 **“(c) Any other vehicle that is able to operate in the air, in or under the water or on land,  
29 either remotely or autonomously, and without a human occupant.”.**

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