House Bill 3140

Sponsored by Representative MCKEOWN, Senator ROBLAN, Representative HEARD

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Establishes task force to determine feasibility of establishing local predator damage control districts. Requires task force to report findings to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2016. Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to predator damage control districts; and declaring an emergency.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Task Force on Predator Damage Control Districts is established, consisting of five members appointed as follows:
 - (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member who is familiar with predator control issues.
 - (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member who is familiar with predator control issues.
 - (c) The Governor shall appoint three members having qualifications the Governor deems relevant to the purpose of the task force. At least one member appointed by the Governor must be familiar with local service district administration.
 - (2) The task force shall conduct a study regarding whether local predator damage control districts would benefit rural areas of this state and regarding models and mechanisms for using districts to carry out predator damage control programs.
 - (3) The task force may solicit comments and exhibits and may take other actions necessary or proper to carry out the work of the task force.
 - (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
 - (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
 - (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
 - (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture no later than September 15, 2016.

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- (11) The State Department of Agriculture shall provide staff support to the task force.
- (12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to department for purposes of the task force.
- (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.