

House Bill 3529

Sponsored by Representative HOYLE, Senator ROBLAN

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 Wildlife Public Education Advisory Council to advise State Fish and Wildlife Director on public education about wildlife. Establishes Wildlife Public Education Fund. Imposes surcharges on certain angling and hunting licenses issued by State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Becomes operative January 1, 2016, and sunsets December 31, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public education on wildlife; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created in the State Department of Fish and Wildlife the Wildlife**
5 **Public Education Advisory Council to be appointed by the State Fish and Wildlife Director**
6 **to advise and make recommendations to the director regarding media-based public education**
7 **about wildlife. The council shall consist of 11 members including representatives of hunting**
8 **and fishing interests, representatives of rural areas of this state, a member who is know-**
9 **ledgeable of the media and marketing industry, a representative of agricultural interests, a**
10 **representative of timber interests, a representative from the Association of Oregon Counties**
11 **and a representative from the department.**

12 **(2) The members shall be appointed to serve for terms of three years each. A vacancy**
13 **on the council shall be filled by appointment by the director for the unexpired term.**

14 **(3) Members of the council are not entitled to compensation, but in the discretion of the**
15 **director may be reimbursed from funds available to the department for actual and necessary**
16 **travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the**
17 **manner and amount provided in ORS 292.495.**

18 **(4) The council may accept bequests, donations, gifts and grants for any purpose con-**
19 **sistent with this section.**

20 **SECTION 2. (1) The Wildlife Public Education Fund is established in the State Treasury,**
21 **separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys received by the State Department**
22 **of Fish and Wildlife to be used by Wildlife Public Education Advisory Council shall be paid**
23 **into the State Treasury and credited to the Wildlife Public Education Fund. Interest earned**
24 **by the Wildlife Public Education Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

25 **(2) The Wildlife Public Education Fund shall consist of:**

26 **(a) All bequests, donations, gifts and grants made to the Wildlife Public Education Advi-**
27 **sory Council; and**

28 **(b) All moneys received from the surcharges specified in section 3 of this 2015 Act.**

29 **(3) The State Fish and Wildlife Director shall use the moneys in the Wildlife Public Ed-**
30 **ucation Fund to carry out the advice and recommendations of the council that the director**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 deems appropriate and practicable.

2 **SECTION 3.** In addition to the fees otherwise prescribed by law, the issuer of each of the
3 following licenses shall charge and collect each time the license is issued the following sur-
4 charges:

- 5 (1) Resident annual hunting license to hunt wildlife issued under ORS 497.102, \$1;
- 6 (2) Nonresident annual hunting license to hunt wildlife issued under ORS 497.102, \$2;
- 7 (3) Resident annual angling license issued under ORS 497.121, \$1; and
- 8 (4) Nonresident annual angling license issued under ORS 497.121, \$2.

9 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 to 3 of this 2015 Act are repealed on December 31, 2018.

10 **SECTION 5.** (1) Sections 1 to 3 of this 2015 Act become operative on January 1, 2016.

11 (2) The State Fish and Wildlife Director may take any action before the operative date
12 specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the director to exercise,
13 on or after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties,
14 functions and powers conferred on the director by sections 1 to 3 of this 2015 Act.

15 **SECTION 6.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
17 on its passage.

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