

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2537**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “laws;” insert “creating new
2 provisions; and”.

3 In line 5, after “(1)” insert “(a)”.

4 After line 7, insert:

5 “(b) The commission shall institute suit for the recovery of damages for
6 the unlawful taking or killing of any of the wildlife referred to in subsection
7 (2) of this section against a person who is convicted of a Class A
8 misdemeanor pursuant to ORS 496.992 (1) or (9) or a Class C felony pursuant
9 to ORS 496.992 (10).”.

10 In line 9, after “elk,” insert “mule deer,”.

11 In line 13, delete “\$15,000” and insert “\$50,000”.

12 In line 14, delete “\$1,500” and insert “\$5,000”.

13 In line 15, delete “\$15,000” and insert “\$5,000”.

14 In line 16, delete “\$15,000” and insert “\$5,000”.

15 In line 25, delete “\$20” and insert “\$200”.

16 In line 26, delete “wild turkey, \$20” and insert “sage grouse, \$200”.

17 Delete line 27 and insert:

18 “(N) Each sage grouse, \$1,000.”.

19 On page 2, line 3, delete “\$1,500” and insert “\$300”.

20 In line 5, restore the bracketed material and delete “\$10,000”.

21 In line 6, delete “\$1,500” and insert “\$750”.

22 In line 7, delete “\$2,500” and insert “\$750”.

1 In line 11, delete “\$5,000” and insert “\$1,000”.

2 In line 14, delete “\$10,000” and insert “\$2,500”.

3 In line 16, delete “\$5,000” and insert “\$2,500”.

4 On page 3, line 18, delete “C felony” and insert “A misdemeanor”.

5 In line 27, restore “is a Class C felony” and delete the boldfaced material.

6 Delete lines 29 through 45 and insert:

7 “(11) If a person is convicted of a Class A misdemeanor under subsection
8 (9) of this section or a Class C felony under subsection (10) of this section,
9 in addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the court shall order the
10 State Fish and Wildlife Commission to revoke all licenses, tags and permits
11 issued to that person in the manner provided for in ORS 497.415 (3) and (6).
12 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of ORS 497.415, upon being the
13 subject of a court order pursuant to this subsection, a person is prohibited
14 from applying for or obtaining another such license, tag or permit.”.

15 On page 4, after line 17, insert:

16 **“SECTION 5. (1) The Task Force on Creating a Wildlife Laws
17 Prosecutor is established, consisting of nine members appointed as
18 follows:**

19 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from
20 among members of the Senate.**

21 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
22 member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

23 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint three members as follows:**

24 **“(A) One member representing the State Department of Fish and
25 Wildlife;**

26 **“(B) One member representing the division of the Oregon State
27 Police that is charged with the enforcement of the wildlife laws; and**

28 **“(C) One member representing the general public.**

29 **“(d) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one
30 member representing the Judicial Department who is a circuit court**

1 judge with expertise in proceedings in the courts related to enforce-
2 ment of the wildlife laws.

3 “(e) The Attorney General shall appoint two members as follows:

4 “(A) One member representing the Department of Justice, with ex-
5 pertise related to the wildlife laws; and

6 “(B) One member representing the Oregon District Attorneys As-
7 sociation with expertise in wildlife law prosecutions.

8 “(f) The Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar shall appoint
9 one member who is a member of the Oregon State Bar with expertise
10 in the wildlife laws.

11 “(2) The task force shall:

12 “(a) Study the feasibility of creating, within the Criminal Justice
13 Division of the Department of Justice, the position of a wildlife laws
14 prosecutor;

15 “(b) Identify the potential duties of a wildlife laws prosecutor; and

16 “(c) Identify potential sources of funding for the creation of a
17 wildlife laws prosecutor position.

18 “(3) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes
19 a quorum for the transaction of business.

20 “(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a
21 majority of the voting members of the task force.

22 “(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as
23 chairperson.

24 “(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
25 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

26 “(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
27 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the
28 task force.

29 “(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
30 the task force.

