

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4040

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “creating new provisions; amending ORS 496.176;”.
2 After line 3, insert:
3 “Whereas *Canis lupus*, commonly known as the gray wolf, was extirpated from Oregon by 1950;
4 and
5 “Whereas *Canis lupus* has been listed as a state-designated endangered species since the
6 enactment of ORS 496.171 to 496.182 by the Legislative Assembly in 1987; and
7 “Whereas a *Canis lupus* population has been reestablished in Oregon and has been increasing
8 in both distribution and abundance since 2008; and
9 “Whereas *Canis lupus* is not now and is not likely in the foreseeable future to be in danger of
10 extinction in Oregon; and
11 “Whereas *Canis lupus* has natural reproductive potential that is not in danger of failure due to
12 limited population numbers, disease, predation or other natural or human actions affecting continued
13 existence of the species; and
14 “Whereas *Canis lupus* is not undergoing imminent or active deterioration of range or primary
15 habitat; and
16 “Whereas *Canis lupus* is not subject to overutilization of the species or its habitat for commer-
17 cial, recreational, scientific or educational purposes; and
18 “Whereas *Canis lupus* has adequate protection under existing state programs, laws and regu-
19 lations, including the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and associated rules adopted
20 by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission; and
21 “Whereas the commission took administrative action on November 9, 2015, to remove *Canis*
22 *lupus* from the Oregon lists of threatened species or endangered species; and
23 “Whereas the commission developed extensive analyses and assessments that were made pub-
24 licly available for review and comment through a series of public hearings; and
25 “Whereas the commission provided their analyses and assessments for review by experts in the
26 field of wildlife management; and
27 “Whereas the commission has received and reviewed thousands of public comments on this
28 matter, including many hours of public testimony; now, therefore,”.
29 Delete lines 5 through 29 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:
30 “**SECTION 1. The administrative rule amendment adopted by the State Fish and Wildlife**
31 **Commission on November 9, 2015, to remove *Canis lupus*, commonly known as the gray wolf,**
32 **from the state lists of threatened species or endangered species established pursuant to ORS**
33 **496.172 (2), is ratified as satisfying the elements of ORS 496.176 and approved.**
34 “**SECTION 2. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
35 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect**

1 on its passage.”

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