

**HB 3158 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to implement a program to encourage persons to report violations of wildlife laws. Incentives to report violations that lead to successful prosecution include offering free controlled hunt tags for species that was unlawfully taken or killed.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Several states, including Oregon, offer cash rewards for reporting wildlife poachers. The state of Washington offers points that greatly increase a person's chances of drawing special permits for hunting. Oregon is also a part of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, a reciprocal agreement between 30 states in which the suspension or revocation of licenses or permits in one state is honored in all compact states.

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