

HB 3283 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases, from five to 15 years, length of time person convicted of felony animal neglect is prohibited from possessing an animal of the same type as he or she neglected. Prohibits court from reducing order to repay animal's cost of care pending trial, based on donations or funding for care received by government agency or nonprofit organization.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The statutes prohibit a person convicted of certain animal crimes from possessing an animal of the same type that was the subject of the crime for five or 15 years, depending on the conviction. House Bill 3283 includes convictions for felony animal neglect in the first or second degree in the 15-year prohibition.

Additionally, ORS 167.350 authorizes the court to order a person convicted of certain animal crimes to repay the costs incurred by an animal care agency in caring for an animal during the criminal proceeding. House Bill 3283 prohibits the court from reducing the amount of the order based on any donations to or fundraising received by the agency for that care.