

HB 3228 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 4/11, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies state wildlife policy to include optimizing intrinsic benefit of indigenous wildlife. Adds wildlife management goal of protecting, maintaining and restoring indigenous nongame wildlife resources for their intrinsic values, ecosystem functions and long term benefits.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure came from task force on Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) budget
- Consumptive vs. nonconsumptive uses of fish and wildlife
- Funding sources for ODFW

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, wildlife management policy is understood as means of providing the optimum recreational and aesthetic benefit for present and future generations. This framing of wildlife management policy implies that the value of wildlife is centered within the needs of humans.

House Bill 3228 expands wildlife management goals to those of protecting, maintaining and restoring indigenous nongame wildlife resources for their intrinsic values, as well as their ecosystem functions and long term benefits.