

## **HB 3429 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies the definition of "covered animal species" that it is unlawful to buy, sell or trade. Clarifies covered animal species includes any species of elephant, rhinoceros, whale, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, pangolin, sea turtle shark or ray listed in Appendix I or II of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora or listed as vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered, extinct in the wild or extinct on International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Intent and scope of Ballot Measure 100
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species (IUCN) international lists identifying endangered and threatened species
- Similar animal protection legislation in other states

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

##### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2016, Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 100 which prohibits commerce involving 12 different species of animals, or their products or parts: rhino, cheetah, tiger, sea turtle, lion, elephant, whale, shark, pangolin, jaguar, ray and leopard. House Bill 3429 incorporates by reference, threatened animal species listed at Appendices I and II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and on the Red List of Threatened Species prepared by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). CITES is a conservation and sustainable use agreement, first signed by representatives from 80 countries in 1975, which identifies about 23,000 species as threatened with extinction or in need of trade regulation. The IUCN prepares comprehensive information regarding the extinction risk of approximately 82,000 species, listing them on a continuum of risk from "Least Concern" to "Extinct."

House Bill 3429 would clarify that, for the purposes of wildlife trafficking laws enacted in 2016, covered animal species include any species of elephant, rhinoceros, whale, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, pangolin, sea turtle shark or ray listed in Appendix I or II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora or listed as vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered, extinct in the wild or extinct on International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species.