

**SB 372 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to adopt rules for the issuance of wildlife salvage permits to recover, possess or transport deer or elk that have been accidentally killed as a result of a vehicle collision when purpose is to salvage game meat. Requires holder of permit to promptly surrender deer or elk antlers to state Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Exempts Commission and ODFW from liability for loss or damage arising out of activities under permit. Directs ODFW to make salvage permits available for issuance no later than January 1, 2019. Directs ODFW to prepare and submit report on implementation of salvage permit rules to legislative committees during the 2023 session. Repeals permit authority effective January 1, 2024.

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

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under current law, a person may kill crippled or helpless wildlife when the killing is done for humane purposes (ORS 498.016). Such action must be immediately reported to a person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws and the wildlife must be disposed of as directed by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Senate Bill 372 would direct the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue wildlife salvage permits to allow the use of game meat from deer and elk accidentally killed as the result of a car accident.