

House Bill 2576

Sponsored by Representative RAYFIELD (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Permits part or product of animal species covered by wildlife trafficking prevention program to be distributed, sold or have legal ownership transferred to bona fide scientific or educational institutional for scientific or educational purposes. Clarifies definition of "covered animal species."

Makes conforming changes.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to exceptions to wildlife trafficking prevention program; creating new provisions; amending
3 ORS 498.022; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 498.022, as amended by section 2, chapter ____, Oregon Laws 2017 (Ballot
6 Measure 100), is amended to read:

7 498.022. (1) Except as the State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule may provide otherwise,
8 *[but subject to subsection (2) below, no person shall]* **but subject to subsection (2) of this section,**
9 **a person may not** purchase, sell or exchange, or offer to purchase, sell or exchange any wildlife,
10 or any part *[thereof]* **of any wildlife.**

11 *[(2) Wildlife Trafficking Prevention.]*

12 *[(a)]* **(2)(a)** Except as provided in *[subsection (2)(b) of this section]* **paragraph (b) of this sub-**
13 **section**, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, or rule enacted pursuant to subsection (1)
14 of this section, a person *[shall]* **may** not purchase, sell, offer for sale[,], or possess with intent to
15 sell[,], any item that the person knows or should know is a covered animal species part or product.

16 (b) *[Subsection (2)(a) of this section shall]* **This subsection does** not apply:

17 (A) To employees or agents of the federal or state government undertaking any law enforcement
18 activities pursuant to federal or state law or any mandatory duties required by federal or state law;

19 (B) When the activity is expressly authorized by federal law;

20 (C) When the activity involves a species that is subject to a federal management plan under
21 Title III of P.L. 94-265 (16 U.S.C. [§§ 1851-1869] **1851 to 1869**), as amended;

22 (D) When the activity is *[exempted by]* **exempt under** ORS 498.257 (3) or *[ORS]* 509.160 (3);

23 (E) When the covered animal species part or product is a fixed component of an antique that is
24 not made wholly or primarily of the covered animal species part or product, provided that the an-
25 tique status is established by the owner or seller *[thereof]* **of the antique** with documentation evi-
26 dencing provenance and showing the covered animal species part or product to be not less than *[one*
27 *hundred]* **100** years old[,], and provided that the total weight of the covered animal species part or
28 product is less than 200 grams;

29 (F) When the covered animal species part or product is a fixed component of a musical instru-
30 ment, including, but not limited to, string instruments and bows, wind and percussion

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 instruments[,] and pianos, provided that the covered animal species part or product was legally ac-
 2 quired and provided that the total weight of the covered animal species part or product is less than
 3 200 grams;

4 (G) To the noncommercial transfer of ownership of a covered animal species part or product to
 5 a legal beneficiary of an estate, trust[,] or other inheritance;

6 (H) To the [donation] **distribution, sale or transfer of legal ownership** of a covered animal
 7 species part or product to a bona fide scientific or educational institution for scientific or educa-
 8 tional purposes; or

9 (I) To the possession of a covered animal species part or product by any enrolled member of a
 10 [federally-recognized] **federally recognized** Indian tribe.

11 (c) There is a presumption of possession with intent to sell a covered animal species part or
 12 product when the part or product is possessed by a retail or wholesale establishment or other forum
 13 engaged in the business of buying or selling of similar items. This rebuttable presumption [shall]
 14 **does** not preclude a finding of intent to sell based on any other evidence [which] **that** may serve to
 15 independently establish such intent.

16 (d) Each violation of [subsection (2) of this section shall be] **this subsection is** punishable by a
 17 civil penalty not to exceed \$6,500 or an amount equal to two times the total value of the covered
 18 animal species part or product that is the subject of the violation, whichever is higher. The civil
 19 penalty authorized by this [subsection] **paragraph** shall be imposed in the manner provided by ORS
 20 183.745.

21 (e) Any covered animal species part or product that is subject to seizure by or forfeiture to the
 22 [Oregon] **State** Department of Fish and Wildlife [shall] **may** not be sold by the department.

23 (f) The [Oregon Fish and Wildlife] commission may adopt rules necessary for the implementation
 24 of [subsection (2) of this section] **this subsection**, including rules restricting the purchase, sale, offer
 25 for sale[,] or possession with intent to sell[,] of parts or products of any animal species that so
 26 closely resemble in appearance parts or products of a covered animal species that law enforcement
 27 personnel would have substantial difficulty in attempting to differentiate between the species.

28 (g) As used in [subsection (2) of this section] **this subsection**:

29 (A) "Covered animal species" means any **of the following** species [of] **that are also listed in**
 30 **Appendix I or Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species**
 31 **of Wild Fauna and Flora**:

32 (i) Elephant;

33 (ii) Rhinoceros;

34 (iii) Whale;

35 (iv) Tiger;

36 (v) Lion;

37 (vi) Leopard;

38 (vii) Cheetah;

39 (viii) Jaguar;

40 (ix) Pangolin;

41 (x) Sea Turtle;

42 (xi) Shark (excluding spiny dogfish as defined in ORS 498.257 [(1)]); or

43 (xii) Ray.

44 (B) "Covered animal species part or product" means any item that contains, or is wholly or
 45 partially made from, any covered animal species.

1 (C) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, corporation, limited liability
2 company, joint stock company, estate, trust, receiver, syndicate, association[,] or other legal entity.

3 (D) "Sale" or "sell" means any act of selling, trading[,] or bartering for monetary or nonmone-
4 tary consideration[,] and includes any transfer of ownership that occurs in the course of a commer-
5 cial transaction, but does not include a nonmonetary transfer of ownership by way of gift,
6 donation[,] or bequest.

7 (E) "Total value" means either the fair market value or the actual price paid for a covered an-
8 imal species part or product, whichever is greater.

9 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 498.022 by section 1 of this 2017 Act become oper-**
10 **ative on July 1, 2017.**

11 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
13 **on its passage.**

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