

# House Bill 3228

Sponsored by Representative HELM

## SUMMARY

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Modifies state wildlife policy.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to nongame wildlife management; amending ORS 496.012.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 496.012 is amended to read:

496.012. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that wildlife shall be managed to prevent serious depletion of any indigenous species, [*and to provide the optimum*] **thereby allowing for the intrinsic, aesthetic and** recreational [*and aesthetic*] **benefits of wildlife to be optimized** for the present and future generations of the citizens of this state. In furtherance of this policy, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall represent the public interest of the State of Oregon and implement the following coequal goals of wildlife management:

(1) To maintain all species of wildlife at optimum levels.

(2) To develop and manage the lands and waters of this state in a manner that will enhance the production and public enjoyment of wildlife.

(3) To permit an orderly and equitable utilization of available wildlife.

(4) To develop and maintain public access to the lands and waters of the state and the wildlife resources thereon.

(5) To regulate wildlife populations and the public enjoyment of wildlife in a manner that is compatible with primary uses of the lands and waters of the state.

(6) To provide optimum recreational benefits.

**(7) To protect, maintain and restore indigenous nongame wildlife resources for their intrinsic values, ecosystem functions and long term benefits.**

[(7)] **(8) To make decisions that affect wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of the wildlife resources and to make decisions that allow for the best social, economic and recreational utilization of wildlife resources by all user groups.**

**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.