

HB 2294 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Witt

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 02/26/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/12, 2/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that a commercial product that contains or is derived from cervid (mammal of the deer family) urine, and that is designed for luring, attracting, or enticing cervid be derived from a herd tested for, and found free of, chronic wasting disease.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) results in loss of mental and physical abilities in cervids
- CWD is fatal to cervid population
- Hunter use of cervid urine
- Detectability of CWD in cervid urine
- Synthetic urine product
- Ban of sale and use of cervid urine

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal and contagious neurological disease that infects deer, elk, and moose populations. According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, CWD has not yet been detected in Oregon cervids, but the introduction of the disease would cause a major impact to Oregon's economy. CWD has been detected in 24 states.

House Bill 2294 would require that a commercial product that contains or is derived from cervid urine and that is designed for luring, attracting, or enticing cervid be derived from a herd tested for, and found free of, CWD.