

SB 580 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Action Date: 03/12/19

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bentz, Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/28, 3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits the use of an M44 cyanide device, cyanide trap, cyanide gun, or similar device used to propel a dose of sodium cyanide into an animal for the purpose of taking the animal.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unintended consequences of use of M44 cyanide devices, including injury to children and death of pets
- Other tools available for predator control
- Requirements for use

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Sodium cyanide ejectors have been used in various forms to manage predator damage since the 1930s. The M44 is a spring-powered device that is staked into the ground, baited, and designed to prompt a "bite and pull" response from the animal. When activated, sodium cyanide powder is ejected upward into the mouth of the animal, resulting in the animal's death.

Senate Bill 580 would prohibit the use of a cyanide device designed to propel a dose of sodium cyanide into an animal for the purpose of taking the animal.