

SB 723 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 05/20/19

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 3-2-0-0

Yeas: 3 - Burdick, Dembrow, Roblan

Nays: 2 - Baertschiger Jr, Boquist

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits coyote hunting contests, competitions, tournaments, or derbies for prizes or other inducement. Provides that hunter must forfeit remains of coyote killed during prohibited event to State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Punishes as Class A violation. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Conservation and hunting ethics
- Sound wildlife management
- Coyotes as predators; preying on calves
- Right to associate
- Role of the Department of Fish and Wildlife

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Deletes "or other inducement."

BACKGROUND:

Coyotes are defined as predatory animals. ORS 610.002. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) estimates that there are 300,000 coyotes in Oregon. Coyotes are not a protected species and the hunting of coyotes is not regulated by ODFW. Coyotes can be killed on an owner's land without a hunting permit and on public land with a permit. There is currently no limit on the number of coyotes that can be killed by a single individual or during a single hunting contest or event.