

House Bill 3119

Sponsored by Representative SPRENGER

SUMMARY

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Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to designate overseeing employee if department operates cougar management plan that uses appointed agents.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to State Department of Fish and Wildlife appointed agents.

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

SECTION 1. If the State Department of Fish and Wildlife operates a program that includes the use of contracted or volunteer appointed agents to manage problem cougars or cougar populations, the department shall designate an employee to oversee department use of those appointed agents. The duties of the overseeing employee must include, but need not be limited to:

(1) **Verifying that any contracting entity has investigated the qualifications of persons that the entity offers for appointment as agents of the department, including but not limited to conducting criminal background checks;**

(2) **Reviewing and evaluating the qualifications of persons volunteering for appointment as agents of the department, including but not limited to, conducting criminal background checks;**

(3) **Ensuring that appointed agents are provided with copies of department policies and other department information relevant to the role of appointed agents;**

(4) **Assigning areas and times for appointed agents to engage in cougar management;**

(5) **Monitoring cougar population management results in areas assigned to appointed agents; and**

(6) **Revising or suspending appointed agent assignments to ensure consistency with the cougar management plan.**

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.