

House Joint Resolution 9

Sponsored by Representative SMITH G (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to declare constitutional right to hunt, fish or otherwise harvest wildlife, subject to certain legal restrictions. Requires that hunting, fishing or other harvesting of wildlife by public be preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by creating a new section 47 to be added to and made a part of Article I, such section to read:

SECTION 47. Oregon residents have the right to hunt, fish and otherwise harvest wildlife by traditional or other means, subject only to laws and regulations that the Legislative Assembly or a wildlife commission enacts or adopts for the purpose of promoting sound wildlife conservation and management or of preserving the future of hunting or fishing. Hunting, fishing or other harvesting of wildlife by the public shall be the preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife. This section does not modify any common or statutory law relating to trespass or property rights.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election held throughout this state.

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.