

Senate Bill 650

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (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**.

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to produce four reports on elk populations and financial impacts of elk using private lands as range.

Sunsets January 2, 2021.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to elk-related reports; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "public/private ratio" means the relative per-**
5 **centages of a private acre of land that are used to serve public needs, including feeding elk,**
6 **and private needs, including feeding livestock or producing agricultural crops.**

7 **(2) On or before December 1, 2020, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall submit**
8 **to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to wildlife, natural resources**
9 **or the environment one elk population and financial impact report for each of the following**
10 **groups of wildlife units:**

11 **(a) Columbia Basin/Heppner/Starkey/Ukiah/Desolation;**

12 **(b) Wilson/Trask/Saddle Mountain;**

13 **(c) Northside/Murderers Creek/Beulah/Malheur River; and**

14 **(d) Siuslaw.**

15 **(3) Each report required under subsection (2) of this section shall:**

16 **(a) Identify all areas in the wildlife units that are used as range by elk;**

17 **(b) Determine which portions of the areas identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection**
18 **are on private and public lands;**

19 **(c) Estimate elk populations in the wildlife units that the department believes will exist**
20 **10 years from the effective date of this 2019 Act; and**

21 **(d) Describe actions the department could take to minimize financial impacts to a person**
22 **that owns land that is used as range by elk.**

23 **(4) To the extent practicable, each report required under subsection (2) of this section**
24 **shall:**

25 **(a) Determine the public/private ratio for the private lands identified under subsection**
26 **(3)(b) of this section;**

27 **(b) Determine the financial impact of elk land use on persons that own land that is used**
28 **as range by elk; and**

29 **(c) Estimate the private financial impacts of changes to public/private ratios in the**
30 **wildlife units 10 years from the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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.

