

HB 3167 A -A3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Revenue

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals sunset of predator damage control district program. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of predator control districts on communities.
- Effects of predator control methods.
- Lethal and non-lethal methods.
- Population changes of wildlife and livestock.
- Personal experiences.
- Engagement of civilization with wildlife.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 Clarifies that predatory management includes both lethal and nonlethal methods. Adjusts formation process and requirements of predator control district. Increases cap on per-acre charge from \$1 to \$2, and flat-rate charge from \$25 to \$50. Clarifies costs to county. Specifies that predator control district governing body may charge city for costs incurred. Allows direct billing.

BACKGROUND:

Section 8, chapter 650, Oregon Laws 2015 authorized a pilot program which allowed, via petition, the formation of predator control districts for the purpose of funding county services to prevent, reduce and mitigate damage to property from predatory animals. These districts have the ability to assess charges of \$1 per acre or \$25 depending on the characteristics of the property, and election of the property owner. Predator control districts have been formed in Douglas and Coos Counties.