

HB 3152 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Carrier: Rep. Witt

Action Date: 04/01/21

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-1-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Breese-Iverson, Hudson, Marsh, McLain, Post, Reardon, Smith DB, Williams, Witt

Nays: 1 - Cate

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to operate wildlife inspection stations to prevent the spread of infections or infestations and to collect information related to wildlife management efforts. Requires that wildlife inspection stations be operated under policies and guidelines adopted by the ODFW Director, be plainly marked by signs, and be staffed by at least one uniformed ODFW employee. Requires operator of a vehicle transporting taken wildlife or parts of taken wildlife to stop at wildlife inspection stations. Exempts operator of a vehicle transporting parts of taken wildlife processed by a food establishment from requirement to stop at wildlife inspection station. Makes failure to stop at wildlife inspection station, when required, a Class A violation subject to maximum fine of \$2,000. Authorizes enforcement officers to issue citations for failure to stop at wildlife inspection stations with reasonable grounds to believe conduct constitutes a violation based on an ODFW inspection station employee observing the violation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and the increasing spread geographically
- Lack of treatments or vaccines for CWD and the fatal effect to wildlife
- Associated costs and implementation capacity of Oregon Fish and Wildlife to operate wildlife check stations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law allows the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to inspect licenses, tags, permits, and wildlife (ORS 497.036). According to ODFW, wildlife check stations are currently deployed at times to help ODFW assess the conditions of wildlife, obtain harvest rate data, and to collect biological samples. There is no legal obligation for an individual transporting wildlife to stop at an inspection station.

House Bill 3152 authorizes ODFW to operate wildlife inspection stations, requires an operator of a vehicle transporting taken wildlife or parts of taken wildlife to stop at wildlife inspection stations, and punishes failure to stop at a wildlife inspection station with a Class A violation.