House Bill 2652

Sponsored by Representatives SMITH DB, OWENS (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.

Finds that barred owls are known to prey on spotted owls. Instructs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue order authorizing taking of barred owls and to establish programs rewarding taking of barred owls.

Appropriates moneys to State Department of Fish and Wildlife for purpose of funding programs rewarding taking of barred owls.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to decreasing barred owl population to conserve spotted owl population; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 496.

SECTION 2. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that barred owls are known to prey on spotted owls.

(2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall:

(a) Issue an order authorizing the taking of barred owls; and

(b) Establish programs that award $5 for each taking of a barred owl.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $100,000 for the purpose specified in section 2 (2)(b) of this 2021 Act. This appropriation is available continuously until expended for the purpose specified in section 2 (2)(b) of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.