SUMMARY

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Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to develop and adopt by rule invasive grass pilot program in Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area.

Sunsets pilot program on January 2, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to invasive grasses.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall develop and adopt by rule an invasive grass pilot program in the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area to:

(a) Increase habitat quality and forage for mule deer and livestock;

(b) Increase site resistance to annual grass invasion; and

(c) Increase understanding of the roles that soil microbes, organic matter and nutrients play in affecting resistance to annual grass invasion.

(2) The rules must provide for experimental restoration plots in cattle grazing enclosures within the wildlife area.

SECTION 2. The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall prepare and submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on the implementation of the invasive grass pilot program, that may include recommendations for legislation, to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources on or before September 15, 2024.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

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.