

3/25/2021 - 3:15 PM House Bill 3187 House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

House Bill 3187 is ridiculous, in time spent and state revenue waste. Why would the legislative assembly by way of Oregon Wildlife Council spend time and money to develop and implement a plan for a third-party marketing and/or advertising scheme to attract foreign hunters and/or tourists? Is that not why the program "Travel Oregon" exists? Citizens of this state and its resources are first and foremost for the residents of this state, not foreign citizen's.

HB 3187:

"(10)(a)(A) Necessary for the conservation, preservation and management of this state's natural resources".

No matter what the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife or the Oregon Wildlife Council does there is only continuum of a natural resource – wildlife – if the species can survive disease, natural culling, and environmental changes. There is literally nothing a human can do that will precisely save or cull a wildlife species by convening numerous study group councils. Apparently, whomever thought to bring this legislation forward has an interest in foreigner's becoming eligible to hunt, trap or whatever the license to take states.

"(10)(a)(B) A valued and integral part of the cultural heritage of this state, which should forever be preserved".

This section is in total opposition to (10)(a)(A). Does the -cultural heritage- carrot; does this make HB 3187 more appealing; because even Native Americans have to constantly challenge wildlife 'take' laws to keep their rights to natural resources as sovereign people.

"(10)(a)(C) An important part of this state's economy."

Oregon Fish and Wildlife is a program that ascertains the citizens of this state an outdoor activity either as an observer or taker of wildlife, and definitely not a huge part of the Oregon economy.

Please vote no House Bill 3187.

Text HB 3187:

(10)(a) Develop and implement, with a third-party marketing or advertising agency, a comprehensive media-based public information program to promote the essential roles of hunting and fishing in wildlife conservation and to educate the public about hunting and fishing. The program must inform the public that hunting and fishing are:

(A) Necessary for the conservation, preservation and management of this state's natural resources.

(B) A valued and integral part of the cultural heritage of this state, which should forever be preserved.

(C) An important part of this state's economy.

(b) Report biennially on the program, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources.