

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4130

By COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 9 through 13 and insert:

2 “Whereas a statewide survey of Oregon voters conducted for The Pew Charitable Trusts in 2020
3 found that 86 percent of Oregonians believe it is important for the state to adopt policies that pro-
4 tect wildlife migration routes and 75 percent of Oregonians support increasing public funding for the
5 construction of wildlife crossing structures; and

6 “Whereas wildlife road crossing structures have proven to increase public safety and to be ef-
7 fective at reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions, facilitating essential wildlife migration and promoting
8 healthy wildlife populations; and

9 “Whereas the legislature recognizes the need for ongoing focus and sustained investment to re-
10 duce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity in this state; and

11 “Whereas allocation of state resources can help Oregon better compete for federal funds that
12 are available to support wildlife road crossings; now, therefore,”.

13 Delete lines 15 through 29.

14 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 6 and insert:

15 “**SECTION 1. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is ap-**
16 **propriated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out**
17 **of the General Fund, the amount of \$7,000,000 for the purpose of funding projects that reduce**
18 **the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity for wildlife as de-**
19 **defined in ORS 496.004. This appropriation is available continuously until expended for the**
20 **purpose specified in this section.**

21 “**(2) The department shall consult with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife when**
22 **distributing moneys appropriated under this section, and shall take into consideration rele-**
23 **vant information, including the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan described in ORS 496.272, the**
24 **Oregon Connectivity Assessment and Mapping Project and the Oregon Conservation Strategy**
25 **adopted by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission.**

26 “**(3) The Department of Transportation:**

27 “**(a) May distribute moneys under this section for the full range of wildlife corridor**
28 **project needs, including but not limited to project feasibility studies, planning, construction,**
29 **retrofit and maintenance of wildlife road crossing infrastructure, roadkill tracking and**
30 **studies, animal detection systems, signage, directional fencing and wildlife jump outs.**

31 “**(b) Shall prioritize distributions for projects that fill funding gaps for wildlife road**
32 **crossings and habitat connectivity that are not otherwise budgeted for or required under**
33 **other federal or state obligations.**

34 “**(c) May partner with or make distributions under this section to tribes, counties, cities**
35 **or other public or private entities for projects consistent with the purposes and requirements**

1 **of this section.**

2 **“(d) May make distributions under this section to assist projects with state match re-**
3 **quirements of federal grant programs relating to wildlife corridors.”.**

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