House Bill 2912

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (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.

Prohibits person from using dogs to hunt or pursue lynx or bobcats.
Provides that violation is subject to maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, $6,250 fine, or both, and suspension of privilege to apply for hunting license.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the use of dogs to hunt wild cats; amending ORS 498.164.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 498.164 is amended to read:

498.164. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, a person may not use bait to attract or take black bears or use one or more dogs to hunt or pursue black bears or cougars.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prohibits the use of bait or one or more dogs by employees or agents of county, state or federal agencies while acting in their official capacities.

(3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prohibits the use of bait or dogs by persons for the taking of black bears or cougars in accordance with the provisions of ORS 498.012 relating to taking wildlife that is causing damage.

(4) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits a Class A misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall in addition to appropriate criminal penalties have the person's privilege to apply for any hunting license suspended for a period of five years for a first offense and permanently suspended for any subsequent offense.

(5) For the purposes of this section:

(a) “Bait” means any material placed for the purpose of attracting or attempting to attract bears.

(b) “Wild cats” means cougars, lynx and bobcats.