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Bill Title: Relating to damage caused by elk; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Agriculture	\$807,302	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 807,302	1	0.58
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 807,302	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 807,302	1	0.58

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Agriculture	\$275,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,205	1	1.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 275,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,205	1	1.00

Measure Description

The Department of Agriculture (ODA) is directed to establish an elk damage prevention and compensation pilot program in consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Under the pilot program, ODA may award financial assistance for preventive measures or compensation for certain damages caused by elk to eligible persons. The measure establishes the Elk Damage Prevention and Compensation Fund in the State Treasury and appropriates \$600,000 General Fund for deposit into the fund to support the pilot program.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$807,302 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium and \$275,205 in the 2025-27 biennium.

Department of Agriculture

The measure makes a one-time appropriation of \$600,000 General Fund to ODA for deposit into the Elk Damage Prevention and Compensation Fund. Monies in the fund are continuously appropriated to ODA for payment of eligible damage claims through the elk damage and compensation pilot program. All unexpended and unobligated funding remaining in the fund will revert to the General Fund when sections 1 to 4 of the measure are repealed on January 2, 2030. The Department’s budget will need an increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation to expend the funding deposited in the Elk Damage Prevention and Compensation Fund.

ODA will need a limited duration Program Analyst 2 position (0.58 FTE in the 2023-25 biennium and 1.00 FTE in the 2025-27 biennium) to conduct rule making and implement the pilot program. In addition to the \$157,302 General Fund in position and related services and supplies funding, the Department will need \$50,000 General Fund for increased legal expenses, form development, and tracking technology.

Only impacts on original or engrossed versions are considered official

Department of Fish and Wildlife

There is a minimal fiscal impact anticipated for the Department.

Relevant Dates

The provisions concerning the pilot program and Elk Damage Prevention and Compensation Fund are repealed on January 2, 2030.

ODA is required to report on the elk damage prevention and compensation pilot program to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources by September 15, 2028.

ODFW is required to report on the elk damage and compensation pilot program to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources by September 15, 2028.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.