76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2012 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 4006A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Johnson

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 7 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Jenson, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Esquivel

Nays: Cowan Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to consult with affected cities, counties, private landowners and local service districts prior to making determination that species is threatened or endangered. Requires Commission to work with affected cities, counties, private landowners and local service districts to mitigate adverse impact on local economies when Commission adds species to list of threatened species or endangered species. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent behind mitigation language is for Commission to work with entities to inform them of listing
- Importance of consulting with landowner

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes requirement that Commission advises, consults and cooperate with other state agencies, political subdivisions, other states, federal government and private landowners regarding fish and wildlife management. Requires Commission to consult with private landowners and local service districts prior to making determinations that species is threatened or endangered. Requires Commission to work with private landowners and local service districts to mitigate adverse impact on local economies when commission adds species to list of threatened species or endangered species.

BACKGROUND: The State of Oregon and the federal government maintain separate lists of threatened and endangered species. These are species whose status is such that they are at some degree of risk of becoming extinct. Under State law (ORS 496.171-496.192) the Commission, through the Department of Fish and Wildlife, maintains the list of native wildlife species in Oregon that have been determined to be either "threatened" or "endangered."

Current law requires the Commission to consult with federal agencies, other interested state agencies, other states with a common interest, interested parties and organizations prior to making a determination that a species is threatened or endangered. House Bill 4006A adds affected cities, counties, private landowners and local service districts to the list of parties that must be consulted with prior to determination and requires the Commission to work with affected cities, counties, private landowners and local service districts to mitigate the adverse economic impact of such determinations.