

House Bill 2503

Sponsored by Representative WHITSETT; Senator WHITSETT (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**.

Vests sole authority to regulate hunting ammunition and fishing gear with Legislative Assembly with specified exceptions. Prohibits public bodies from regulating hunting ammunition, fishing gear and angling equipment unless authorized by statute.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to equipment used in taking animals; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 166.170.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 166.170 is amended to read:

5 166.170. (1) Except as expressly authorized by state statute, the authority to regulate in any
6 matter whatsoever the sale, acquisition, transfer, ownership, possession, storage, transportation or
7 use of firearms or any element relating to firearms and components thereof, including ammunition,
8 is vested solely in the Legislative Assembly.

9 (2) Except as expressly authorized by state statute, no county, city or other municipal corpo-
10 ration or district may enact civil or criminal ordinances, including but not limited to zoning ordi-
11 nances, to regulate, restrict or prohibit the sale, acquisition, transfer, ownership, possession,
12 storage, transportation or use of firearms or any element relating to firearms and components
13 thereof, including ammunition. Ordinances that are contrary to this subsection are void.

14 (3) **Except as expressly authorized by state statute, no local or state agency or other**
15 **public body, as that term is defined in ORS 174.109, may prohibit, restrict or regulate the**
16 **purchase, sale, possession or use of ammunition used in lawful hunting unless the prohibi-**
17 **tion, restriction or regulation pertains to the hunting of waterfowl. A prohibition, restriction**
18 **or regulation contrary to this subsection is void.**

19 (4) **Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the State Department of Fish**
20 **and Wildlife may regulate by rule the caliber of firearm, and the number of rounds that may**
21 **be in the firearm, that a person is permitted to use when hunting certain species.**

22 **SECTION 2.** (1) **Except as expressly authorized by state statute, the authority to regulate**
23 **in any matter whatsoever the purchase, sale, possession or use of fishing gear, angling**
24 **equipment or fishing tackle is vested solely in the Legislative Assembly.**

25 (2) **Except as expressly authorized by state statute, no local or state agency or other**
26 **public body, as that term is defined in ORS 174.109, may prohibit, restrict or regulate the**
27 **purchase, sale, possession or use of fishing gear, angling equipment or fishing tackle. A**
28 **prohibition, restriction or regulation contrary to this subsection is void.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.