

Meeting Material For SB 723 Public Hearing FEB. 28, 2019 before the Senate Committee On Judiciary

Please include this information as a part of the written testimony on SB 723

TO: Senator Prozanski, Chair and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee
SUBJECT: Amendment -2 to SB Bill 723
FROM: Greater Pacific Hunt Test Board of Directors, Other Oregon Hunt Test Clubs ,
Field Trial Clubs, Pointer Clubs, Hunting Retriever clubs and their members.

Honorable Chairman Prozanski and members of the Oregon Senate Committee On Judiciary;

We support with concern -2 amendments to SB Bill 723 as presented because it allows our sporting dog industry to continue its activities in Oregon. We wish to thank Senator Dembrow for submitting the -2 amendment. However, we have three concerns.

Concern One:

That somewhere along the bill's progression to passage or defeat, the word "coyote(s) could be replaced with the word "wildlife". If this occurred we would again be unintentionally covered by SB 723.

Concern Two:

SB 723 Line 2 states; relating to unlawful takings of wildlife and declaring an emergency. Should not the word "wildlife" here be replaced with "coyotes"?

Under the Oregon Legal Glossary, "wildlife" means fish, shellfish, amphibians and reptiles, feral swine as defined by State Department of Agriculture rules, and wild birds and other mammals as defined by the State Fish and Game commission rules.

Under Department of Fish and Wildlife, Section 057 of OAR's, pen raised ducks and pheasants and other birds are considered wild birds. If the word wildlife remains in line 2, would our sporting dog community again be covered unintentionally?

Concern Three:

While we appreciate and support the -2 amendments as it preserves a sport that brings economic benefit to the state and enjoyment to those that participate, this legislation gives us concern due to the potential impact on the hunting rights of Oregonians and the ability to protect those rights long-term for future generations of hunters.

If it would be helpful to the Judiciary Committee, we can provide a list of additional sporting dog clubs that support our presented position. If so, please contact Jerry Orlando, DVM at panthers@wvi.com

Summary of concerns:

SB 723 -2 amendment; any reversion back to the word "wildlife" where coyote(s) is now used in the amendment would be an issue.

SB 723 Line 2 Does the word "**wildlife**" used here cause the sporting dog activities to be unintentionally covered?

SB 723 The potential impact on hunting rights of Oregonians and the protection of long term hunting rights for future generations of Oregonians.

Thank you for your hard work on this bill

Respectfully Submitted,

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