

SB 580 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sprenger

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/16/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

Exc: 1 - Barreto

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/11, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits use of an M44 cyanide device, cyanide trap, cyanide gun, or similar device used to propel dose of sodium cyanide into an animal for purpose of taking animal.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unintended consequences of using cyanide devices, including injury to children and death of pets
- Requirements for use of cyanide devices
- Previous budget note to limit use of cyanide devices in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Sodium cyanide ejectors have been used in various forms to manage predator damage since the 1930s. The M44 is a spring-powered device that is staked into the ground, baited, and designed to prompt a "bite and pull" response from the animal. When activated, sodium cyanide powder is ejected upward into the mouth of the animal, resulting in the animal's death.

Senate Bill 580 would prohibit the use of a cyanide device designed to propel a dose of sodium cyanide into an animal for the purpose of taking the animal.