HB 2294 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Action Date:	05/07/19
Action:	Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote:	3-0-0-2
Yeas:	3 - Dembrow, Prozanski, Roblan
Abs:	2 - Bentz, Olsen
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	4/23, 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines "commercial cervid attractant" as a marketed product that contains or is derived from cervid urine and is designed for use in luring, attracting, or enticing a cervid. Makes legislative findings and declarations. Prohibits a person from possessing or using commercial cervid attractants.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD)
- Detectability of CWD in cervid urine
- Ban of sale and use of cervid urine in commercial cervid attractant products

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal and contagious neurological disease that infects deer, elk, and moose populations. CWD has been detected in 26 states and four Canadian provinces. Scientists believe that CWD proteins likely spread between animals through bodily fluids such as saliva, blood, and urine. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US Department of Health and Human Services) According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, CWD has not yet been detected in Oregon cervids, but the introduction of the disease would cause a major impact to Oregon's economy. There is no validated state or federal test for determining the presence of CWD in cervid urine. The following states and provinces have implemented bans on cervid urine products: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, New Mexico, Vermont, Virginia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Yukon Territory.

House Bill 2294A would prohibit the possession or use of commercial cervid attractants.