

SB 723 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Boquist

Senate Committee On Rules

Minority Report

Action Date: 05/20/19

Action: Do pass with different amendments. (Printed B-Eng.) Minority

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

Report Signers: Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., Sen. Brian Boquist

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Meeting Dates: 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to study population dynamics of coyotes and make recommendations concerning whether population should be regulated. Requires report to legislative committee no later than September 15, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Conservation and hunting ethics
- Sound wildlife management
- Coyotes as predators; preying on calves
- Right to associate
- Role of the Department of Fish and Wildlife

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Coyotes are defined as predatory animals. ORS 610.002. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) estimates that there are 300,000 coyotes in Oregon. Coyotes are not a protected species and the hunting of coyotes is not regulated by ODFW. Coyotes can be killed on an owner's land without a hunting permit and on public land with a permit. There is currently no limit on the number of coyotes that can be killed by a single individual or during a single hunting contest or event.