

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2834

By COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 18 through 24 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall collect, analyze and**
3 **develop the best available science and data regarding the connectivity of wildlife habitat**
4 **areas. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Department of**
5 **Transportation, shall use the data to develop a plan, to be known as the Wildlife Corridor**
6 **Action Plan, to preserve long-term habitat connectivity for wildlife as defined in ORS 496.004.**
7 **The plan shall provide guidance for all state agencies to develop benchmarks for the desig-**
8 **nation and protection of wildlife corridors in Oregon.**

9 **“(2) The Wildlife Corridor Action Plan shall, at a minimum, include:**

10 **“(a) Identification of species of concern that are at risk from habitat fragmentation or**
11 **barriers to species movement.**

12 **“(b) Identification of the known migration and dispersal corridors for species identified**
13 **under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

14 **“(c) A description of the potential effects of climate change on the movement of species**
15 **identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

16 **“(d) Identification of known and potential human-caused barriers in Oregon that nega-**
17 **tively affect wildlife habitat connectivity.**

18 **“(e) A contemporary map showing existing and potential wildlife corridors and core high**
19 **quality habitat areas.**

20 **“(f) A list of areas for which designation of wildlife corridors, land acquisition or other**
21 **agency actions are of high priority to protect wildlife movement or habitat connectivity. The**
22 **bases for identification of the high priority areas shall include but not be limited to a desig-**
23 **nation of a species by the federal government or the State Fish and Wildlife Commission as**
24 **an endangered species or threatened species.**

25 **“(3) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall review and update the Wildlife**
26 **Corridor Action Plan every five years. Prior to final adoption of the plan or of a plan update**
27 **the department shall:**

28 **“(a) Post the plan or update on the department website and provide an opportunity for**
29 **public comment; and**

30 **“(b) Deliver a copy of the plan or update to Senate and House interim or regular com-**
31 **mittees relating to natural resources.**

32 **“(4) Prior to final adoption of a proposed update, the State Department of Fish and**
33 **Wildlife shall prepare a report on implementation of the update, including but not limited to**
34 **information concerning changes in the number of high priority wildlife corridors established**
35 **or planned. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall post the report on the depart-**

1 ment website and deliver the report to Senate and House interim or regular committees re-
2 lating to natural resources.

3 “**SECTION 2.** All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed
4 to assist and advise the State Department of Fish and Wildlife in the development of the
5 Wildlife Corridor Action Plan and in the five-year reviews of the plan required under section
6 1 of this 2019 Act.

7 “**SECTION 3.** The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall initiate work on the
8 Wildlife Corridor Action Plan no later than January 1, 2020, and report department findings
9 and recommendations regarding the designation and protection of wildlife corridors to in-
10 terim or regular Senate and House committees relating to natural resources in the manner
11 provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2022.

12 “**SECTION 4.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a program to reduce
13 wildlife-vehicle collisions in areas where wildlife corridors identified in the Wildlife Corridor
14 Action Plan by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife intersect with proposed or existing
15 public roads. The program shall include, but need not be limited to, plans for creating or
16 modifying road infrastructure in a manner that reduces wildlife-vehicle collisions and pro-
17 motes public safety. The plans may include but need not be limited to the use of wildlife
18 crossing structures and roadway fencing.

19 “(2) To the extent practicable, the Department of Transportation shall coordinate with
20 local governments, as defined in ORS 174.116, and the tribal governments for tribes and
21 bands listed under ORS 172.110, to achieve the goals of the program described in this section.

22 “**SECTION 5.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish the program required
23 under section 4 of this 2019 Act no later than December 31, 2023.

24 “(2) Until the Department of Transportation establishes the program, the Department
25 of Transportation and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall coordinate efforts to
26 reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions based on the data gathered under section 1 of this 2019 Act.
27 The Department of Transportation shall consider the benefit of including a wildlife crossing
28 as part of a project if the data suggests that such a crossing could significantly reduce
29 wildlife-vehicle collisions.

30 “(3) The Department of Transportation shall report biennially regarding the status of the
31 program required under section 4 of this 2019 Act to interim or regular Senate and House
32 committees relating to natural resources in the manner provided by ORS 192.245. The report
33 shall include, but not be limited to, information concerning the number and types of wildlife
34 corridor infrastructure projects established or planned and the realized or expected effect
35 of established or planned wildlife corridor infrastructure projects on the number of wildlife-
36 vehicle collisions.

37 “**SECTION 6.** The Department of Transportation shall submit the first report required
38 under section 5 (3) of this 2019 Act no later than September 15, 2024.”.