House Bill 3087

Sponsored by Representative WITT

SUMMARY

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Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish anti-poaching awareness program. Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules to implement program.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to State Department of Fish and Wildlife for antipoaching awareness program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to wildlife poaching; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall establish an anti-

5 poaching awareness program to:

6 (a) Increase public awareness of the impacts of poaching;

7 (b) Increase reporting of poaching and poaching-related activity;

8 (c) Increase law enforcement detection of poaching; and

9 (d) Promote consistent prosecution and punishment for poaching.

10 (2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may adopt rules to implement the anti-11 poaching awareness program.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for the antipoaching awareness program established in section 1 of this 2019 Act.

16 <u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 17 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect 18 July 1, 2019.

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