

Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2834**

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 **“(d) Identification of known and potential human-caused barriers**
20 **in Oregon that negatively affect wildlife habitat connectivity.**

21 **“(e) A contemporary map showing existing and potential wildlife**

1 corridors and core high quality habitat areas.

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

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

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

13 “(b) Deliver a copy of the plan or update to Senate and House in-
14 terim or regular committees relating to natural resources.

15 “(4) Prior to final adoption of a proposed update, the State Depart-
16 ment of Fish and Wildlife shall prepare a report on implementation
17 of the update, including but not limited to information concerning
18 changes in the number of high priority wildlife corridors established
19 or planned. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall post the
20 report on the department website and deliver the report to Senate and
21 House interim or regular committees relating to natural resources.

22 “SECTION 2. All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS
23 174.111, are directed to assist and advise the State Department of Fish
24 and Wildlife in the development of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan
25 and in the five-year reviews of the plan required under section 1 of this
26 2019 Act.

27 “SECTION 3. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall ini-
28 tiate work on the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan no later than January
29 1, 2020, and report department findings and recommendations regard-
30 ing the designation and protection of wildlife corridors to interim or

1 regular Senate and House committees relating to natural resources in
2 the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2022.

3 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish**
4 **a program to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions in areas where wildlife**
5 **corridors identified in the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan by the State**
6 **Department of Fish and Wildlife intersect with proposed or existing**
7 **public roads. The program shall include, but need not be limited to,**
8 **plans for creating or modifying road infrastructure in a manner that**
9 **reduces wildlife-vehicle collisions and promotes public safety. The**
10 **plans may include but need not be limited to the use of wildlife**
11 **crossing structures and roadway fencing.**

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

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

19 **“(2) Until the Department of Transportation establishes the pro-**
20 **gram, the Department of Transportation and the State Department**
21 **of Fish and Wildlife shall coordinate efforts to reduce wildlife-vehicle**
22 **collisions based on the data gathered under section 1 of this 2019 Act.**
23 **The Department of Transportation shall consider the benefit of in-**
24 **cluding a wildlife crossing as part of a project if the data suggests that**
25 **such a crossing could significantly reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.**

26 **“(3) The Department of Transportation shall report biennially re-**
27 **garding the status of the program required under section 4 of this 2019**
28 **Act to interim or regular Senate and House committees relating to**
29 **natural resources in the manner provided by ORS 192.245. The report**
30 **shall include, but not be limited to, information concerning the num-**

1 ber and types of wildlife corridor infrastructure projects established
2 or planned and the realized or expected effect of established or planned
3 wildlife corridor infrastructure projects on the number of wildlife-
4 vehicle collisions.

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

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