HB 3152   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to operate wildlife inspection stations to prevent the spread of infections or infestations and to collect information related to wildlife management efforts. Requires that wildlife inspection stations be operated under polices and guidelines adopted by the ODFW Director, be plainly marked by signs, and be staffed by at least one uniformed ODFW employee. Requires operator of a vehicle transporting taken wildlife or parts of taken wildlife to stop at wildlife inspection stations. Exempts operator of a vehicle transporting parts of taken wildlife processed by a food establishment from requirement to stop at wildlife inspection station. Makes failure to stop at wildlife inspection station, when required, a Class A violation subject to maximum fine of $2,000. Authorizes enforcement officers to issue citations for failure to stop at wildlife inspection stations with reasonable grounds to believe conduct constitutes a violation based on an ODFW inspection station employee observing the violation.

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law allows the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to inspect licenses, tags, permits, and wildlife (ORS 497.036). According to ODFW, wildlife check stations are currently deployed at times to help ODFW assess the conditions of wildlife, obtain harvest rate data, and to collect biological samples. There is no legal obligation for an individual transporting wildlife to stop at an inspection station.

House Bill 3152 would authorize ODFW to operate wildlife inspection stations, require an operator of a vehicle transporting taken wildlife or parts of taken wildlife to stop at wildlife inspection stations, and punish failure to stop at a wildlife inspection station with a Class A violation.