Senate Bill 21

Sponsored by Senator FINDLEY (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to develop and adopt by rule invasive grass pilot program in Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area.
Sunsets pilot program on January 2, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

| 2 | Relating to invasive grasses. |
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| 3 | Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon: |
| 4 | SECTION 1. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall develop and adopt by rule |
| 5 | an invasive grass pilot program in the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area to: |
| 6 | (a) Increase habitat quality and forage for mule deer and livestock; |
| 7 | (b) Increase site resistance to annual grass invasion; and |
| 8 | (c) Increase understanding of the roles that soil microbes, organic matter and nutrients |
| 9 | play in affecting resistance to annual grass invasion. |
| 10 | (2) The rules must provide for experimental restoration plots in cattle grazing enclosures |
| 11 | within the wildlife area. |
| 12 | SECTION 2. The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall prepare and submit a report |
| 13 | in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 on the implementation of the invasive grass pilot |
| 14 | program, that may include recommendations for legislation, to a committee or interim |
| 15 | committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources on or before September |
| 16 | 15, 2024. |

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

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