

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 4128

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### Measure Description:

Directs Legislative Policy and Research Office to prepare report concerning Oregon's current framework for preventing, monitoring and responding to zoonotic disease.

### Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Oregon State Police (OSP), Counties

### Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

### Analysis:

HB 4128 directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) to prepare a report that evaluates Oregon's framework for monitoring, preventing, and responding to zoonotic diseases; and to recommend ways to strengthen this framework. This report is to be presented to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to public health on or before December 31, 2022. The report is to be done in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon State Police (OSP), the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

The measure also directs ODFW to update the list of "prohibited species" that may not enter the state. OHA must notify ODFW if a wildlife species is identified that could pose a risk to public health from zoonotic disease, for potential inclusion on the prohibited species list. The measure also outlines legal actions ODFW may take if there are violations to rules related to prohibited species. Additionally, this measure prohibits a person from selling live wildlife for human consumption, with some exceptions for farm animals and seafood. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

There is no or minimal fiscal impact anticipated for all agencies impacted by this bill. However, there is the potential for a more than minimal impact for two state agencies, as outlined below.

#### Legislative Policy and Research Office

The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) anticipates that the work of the report required under this measure can be absorbed by existing staff. LPRO estimates that three existing analysts would work on the report, each for about 10 hours a week, until report submittal in December 2022. While LPRO does not require additional resources to complete this report at this time, the cumulative impact of all bills impacting LPRO over the course of the 2022 Legislative Session may require additional budgetary or staff resources to support the work required of this office.

#### Oregon State Police

The Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife Division enforces the import, possession, sale, and exchange of animals on the "prohibited species" list, and would also enforce the prohibition on selling live animals for human consumption. OSP anticipates a minimal impact from this measure, but notes that there may be additional

workload depending on the number of animals newly included on the prohibited species list. Additionally, OSP notes that additional protective equipment may be required for troopers who come into contact with animals that are more likely to spread zoonotic disease, though this will be dependent on the types of species included on the prohibited species list. OSP may need to return to a future legislative session if additional resources are needed as a result of this measure.