

HJR 5 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Proposes amendment to Article I of the Oregon Constitution to declare constitutional right to fish, hunt, or harvest wildlife and gather wild foods by traditional methods or manners, subject to certain legal restrictions. Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at next regular general election.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Changes legal restrictions to reasonable laws enacted by Legislative Assembly or reasonable rules adopted by state agencies and clarifies that laws enacted include by the people.

BACKGROUND:

Article I of the Oregon Constitution is Oregon's Bill of Rights and currently has 47 sections enumerating various rights and freedoms.

House Joint Resolution 5 proposes a new Section 48 to Article I to declare a constitutional right to fish, hunt, or harvest wildlife and gather wild foods by traditional methods or manners, subject to laws enacted by the Legislative Assembly and wildlife conservation and management rules adopted by state agencies, and that do not abrogate any public or private property rights or the sovereignty of Oregon over its natural resources.