

House Bill 3289

Sponsored by Representative BOICE, Senator SMITH DB; Representative OSBORNE

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**.

Finds that barred owls are known to prey on spotted owls. Instructs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue order authorizing taking of barred owls and to establish program rewarding taking of barred owls.

Appropriates moneys to State Department of Fish and Wildlife for purpose of funding program rewarding taking of barred owls.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to decreasing barred owl population to conserve spotted owl population; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 496.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that barred owls are known to prey on
7 spotted owls.**

8 **(2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall:**

9 **(a) Issue an order authorizing the taking of barred owls; and**

10 **(b) Establish a program that awards \$5 for each taking of a barred owl.**

11 **SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, for the
12 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$100,000 for the
13 purpose specified in section 2 (2)(b) of this 2023 Act. This appropriation is available contin-
14 uously until expended for the purpose specified in section 2 (2)(b) of this 2023 Act.**

15 **SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
17 on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.