

Senate Bill 69

Sponsored by Senator FINDLEY, Representative OWENS (Pre-session 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, 2027.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to invasive grasses.

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, 2026.**

17 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**
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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.