

A-Engrossed House Bill 4148

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Sponsored by Representative HELM, Senators DEMBROW, GORSEK, Representatives ANDERSEN, HARTMAN, JAVADI, MARSH, OWENS; Representatives BYNUM, GAMBA, GOMBERG, HOLVEY, HUDSON, LEVY B, LEVY E, LIVELY, NELSON, NGUYEN D, NOSSE, PHAM K, REYNOLDS, SCHARF, WALTERS, Senators CAMPOS, FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, GOLDEN, HANSELL, JAMA, MANNING JR, MEEK, PATTERSON, PROZANSKI, SOLLMAN, TAYLOR (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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act directs an agency to expand programs related to wildlife illness. The Act directs an agency to perform a review. The Act directs an agency to establish a program for living with wildlife. The Act makes changes related to wildlife paths and roads. The Act gives moneys for related purposes. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.3).

Directs the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to expand programs related to wildlife disease.

Directs the Invasive Species Council to undertake a review of council programs and activities.

Directs the department to establish a wildlife coexistence program.

Makes certain changes concerning a program to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.

Appropriates moneys out of the General Fund for implementing the expansion, review, new program and changes to wildlife programs.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to natural resources; creating new provisions; amending ORS 366.161 and 366.162; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

WILDLIFE DISEASE PROGRAMS

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8 **SECTION 1. (1) In partnership with Oregon State University and the Oregon Veterinary**
9 **Diagnostic Laboratory, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall expand programs**
10 **related to wildlife disease to improve the state's coordination, monitoring, prevention and**
11 **response related to zoonotic diseases and other wildlife diseases of concern.**

12 **(2) To implement subsection (1) of this section, the department and the university shall**
13 **consult with the Invasive Species Council and may consult with other entities or experts as**
14 **needed.**

15 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

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19 **SECTION 3. (1) The Invasive Species Council shall review programs and activities under**
20 **ORS 570.755, including but not limited to the operation and capacity of the council, intera-**

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.

1 **gency coordination, outreach and education and emergency response, to identify and prior-**
2 **itize actions that would improve the state’s ability to prevent:**

- 3 **(a) Negative impacts from invasive species; and**
- 4 **(b) The establishment of invasive species in this state.**

5 **(2) Subject to available funding, the council shall implement actions identified under**
6 **subsection (1) of this section, in a manner consistent with the provisions of ORS 570.750,**
7 **570.755, 570.770, 570.775, 570.780, 570.790, 570.800, 570.810 and 570.815.**

8 **(3) On or before December 15, 2025, the council shall report, in the manner provided by**
9 **ORS 192.245, to the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and**
10 **Water on the status of the requirements described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.**

11 **(4) The report described in subsection (3) of this section may be provided as part of the**
12 **report required by ORS 570.815.**

13 **SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2024 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

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15 **WILDLIFE COEXISTENCE**

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17 **SECTION 5. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall establish and maintain**
18 **a wildlife coexistence program that aims to reduce conflicts and promote coexistence be-**
19 **tween humans and wildlife, in accordance with the wildlife policy described in ORS 496.012.**

20 **(2) Subject to available funding, program activities may include, but need not be limited**
21 **to:**

- 22 **(a) Human-wildlife conflict resolution, outreach, education and training.**
- 23 **(b) Support or grants for wildlife rehabilitation centers, operating under valid permits**
24 **issued by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission pursuant to rules adopted under ORS**
25 **497.308, that treat injured or orphaned wildlife.**

26 **(c) Other work related to wildlife stewardship and compatibility living with wildlife in**
27 **areas of high potential conflict between humans and wildlife.**

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29 **WILDLIFE CORRIDORS**

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31 **SECTION 6. ORS 366.161 is amended to read:**

32 **366.161. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a program to reduce wildlife-**
33 **vehicle collisions in areas where wildlife corridors identified in the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan**
34 **by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife intersect with proposed or existing public roads.**

35 **(2) The program shall include, but need not be limited to[,]:**

- 36 **(a) Feasibility studies;**
- 37 **(b) Plans for creating or modifying road infrastructure in a manner that reduces wildlife-vehicle**
38 **collisions and promotes public safety[.];**
- 39 **(c) Updates to the guidance, standards and specifications of highways that are necessary**
40 **for incorporating wildlife corridor features into the design, construction and modification of**
41 **highways; and**

42 **(d) A list of priority projects to reduce collisions between wildlife and vehicles that:**

- 43 **(A) Is developed in consultation with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, with**
44 **opportunity for public input; and**
- 45 **(B) Is made publicly available on a website of the Department of Transportation.**

1 out of the General Fund, the following amounts:

2 (1) \$1,177,000, for purposes described in section 1 of this 2024 Act, including expanding the
3 capacity of the Wildlife Health Laboratory and expanding sample collection related to chronic
4 wasting disease.

5 (2) \$1,468,830, for purposes related to the wildlife coexistence program described in sec-
6 tion 5 of this 2024 Act.

7 (3) \$300,000, for awarding grants to wildlife rehabilitation centers, as described in section
8 5 (2)(b) of this 2024 Act.

9 **SECTION 10.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
10 priated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for distribution to Oregon State
11 University for the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, for the biennium ending June
12 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the following amounts:

13 (1) \$1,250,000, for increasing personnel and supplies related to zoonotic diseases, as de-
14 scribed in section 1 of this 2024 Act.

15 (2) \$330,000, for additional equipment related to zoonotic diseases, as described in section
16 1 of this 2024 Act.

17 (3) \$455,000, for increasing personnel and supplies related to chronic wasting disease, as
18 described in section 1 of this 2024 Act.

19 (4) \$245,000, for additional equipment related to chronic wasting disease, as described in
20 section 1 of this 2024 Act.

21 **SECTION 11.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
22 priated to the Invasive Species Council, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the
23 General Fund, the following amounts:

24 (1) \$220,000, for purposes described in section 3 of this 2024 Act.

25 (2) \$500,000, for deposit in the Invasive Species Council Account established under ORS
26 570.800, for supporting outreach and education to implement the provisions of section 3 of
27 this 2024 Act.

28 (3) \$750,000, for deposit in the Invasive Species Control Account established under ORS
29 570.810, for funding activities to implement the provisions of section 3 of this 2024 Act.

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31 **CAPTIONS**

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33 **SECTION 12.** The unit captions used in this 2024 Act are provided only for the conven-
34 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any
35 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2024 Act.

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37 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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39 **SECTION 13.** This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
40 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect
41 on its passage.
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