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Bill Title: Relating to wildlife.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Fish and Wildlife

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$ 1,023,572	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,023,572	4	3.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,023,572	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,023,572	4	3.00

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$ 1,064,764	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,064,764	4	4.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,064,764	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,064,764	4	4.00

Measure Description

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to establish the Wildlife Stewardship Program to enhance public education on coexisting with wildlife in urban and suburban areas. The program shall develop an educational campaign focused on messaging for living with wildlife in urban and suburban areas, minimizing human-wildlife conflict and emphasizing the core value that wildlife should stay wild.

ODFW is required to station biologists in strategic locations across the state to serve urban and adjacent suburban areas. These biologists will conduct outreach and provide training to local governments, community groups, schools, law enforcement, animal control, and other interested groups. They will also collaborate with wildlife rehabilitators, provide guidance on rules and best practices, and conduct inspections of licensed wildlife rehabilitation centers.

The measure includes a one-time appropriation of \$200,000 General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium to ODFW to administer a grant program supporting licensed wildlife rehabilitation centers that care for injured and orphaned wildlife.

Fiscal Analysis

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is \$1,023,572 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium and \$1,064,764 General Fund in the 2027-29 biennium. This includes four permanent full-time Natural Resource Specialist 2 positions (3.00 FTE in 2025-27, and 4.00 FTE in 2027-29) stationed in areas with high potential for human-wildlife conflict. These positions will conduct outreach, provide training to local governments and community groups, support wildlife rehabilitators, and inspect wildlife rehabilitation centers and facilities.

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Position-related costs total \$633,572 General Fund in 2025-27 and \$844,764 General Fund in 2027-29, with an additional \$90,000 General Fund in 2025-27 and \$120,000 General Fund in 2027-29 for services and supplies.

Additionally, ODFW would require \$100,000 General Fund per biennium to support education and outreach materials for a public awareness campaign on living with wildlife in urban and suburban areas.

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Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.