

SB 1131 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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Meeting Dates: 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to provide a grant of \$1,500,000 to the Chintimini Wildlife Center for building or upgrading wildlife enclosures, accessible pathways, and related facilities to enhance education, outreach, and visitor experiences. It also makes available an additional \$500,000 if the center secures matching funds of the same amount from other sources. DAS is authorized to set conditions on the grant to ensure proper use of the funds. A total of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund is appropriated to DAS.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Chintimini Wildlife Center, incorporated in 1989 as a nonprofit public service organization, provides care for the Oregon's mid-valley's injured, ill, and orphaned native wildlife with the goal of returning them to their natural habitat. The Center's community education programs focus on the management of local wildlife. It is home to a wildlife hospital and a raptor education program that includes over a dozen non-releasable birds. The Center also offers tours, wild encounters, educational presentations, and special events.