

## **SB 733 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure revives the definition of the term “potentially dangerous dog” to include a dog that injures or kills livestock. It defines “domestic animal” as an animal, other than livestock or equines, that is owned or possessed by a person, and “livestock” as ratites, horses, mules, jackasses, cattle, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, swine, domesticated fowl and any fur-bearing animal bred and maintained commercially or otherwise within pens, cages or hutches and adds these definitions to Oregon Revised Statutes 609.035 (Definitions, Dogs, Exotic Animals, Dealers).

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

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

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Expansion of definition of "potentially dangerous dog" and its effect
- Difference between nuisance dogs and dangerous dogs
- Law enforcement capabilities
- Legal take
- Compensation for livestock loss

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Current statute defines “potentially dangerous dog” as a dog that without provocation: inflicts injury on a person that is less severe than a serious physical injury, or injures or kills another domestic animal while off of its owner’s property (ORS 609.035). Injury to or killing of livestock is not currently included in this definition.