

SB 733 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser Blouin

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Action Date: 03/25/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Girod, Golden, Nash, Prozanski, Taylor

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/20, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure revises 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 defines “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. The definitions are added to ORS 609.035 (Definitions, Dogs, Exotic Animals, Dealers).

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential outcomes of the expansion of the definition of "potentially dangerous dog"
- Difference between nuisance dogs and dangerous dogs
- Law enforcement capabilities and 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 its owner’s property (ORS 609.035). Injury to or killing of livestock is not currently included in this definition.