

Senate Bill 350

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act finds that barred owls prey on spotted owls. The Act tells an agency to take actions to reduce the numbers of barred owls. The Act gives money for one of the actions. (Flesch Readability Score: 90.8).

Finds that barred owls are known to prey on spotted owls. Instructs the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue an order authorizing the taking of barred owls and to establish a program rewarding the taking of barred owls.

Appropriates moneys to the commission to fund the program rewarding the taking of barred owls.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to decreasing the barred owl population to conserve the spotted owl population; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 496.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that barred owls are known to prey on**
7 **spotted owls.**

8 **(2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall:**

9 **(a) Issue an order authorizing the taking of barred owls; and**

10 **(b) Establish a program that awards \$5 for each taking of a barred owl.**

11 **SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, for the**
12 **biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$100,000 for the**
13 **purpose specified in section 2 (2)(b) of this 2025 Act. This appropriation is available contin-**
14 **uously until expended for the purpose specified in section 2 (2)(b) of this 2025 Act.**

15 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
17 **on its passage.**

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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.