

Senate Bill 353

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 gives money to the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund. The Act says that the money must be used to move wolves that have preyed on livestock to certain counties. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.1).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the State Department of Agriculture for deposit in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund.

Provides that the moneys must be used for relocating wolves that have preyed on livestock to public lands in Hood River County, Multnomah County and Washington County.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to wolf predation of livestock; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000 for deposit in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund established under ORS 610.155 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2025 Act.

SECTION 2. The State Department of Agriculture shall:

(1) In consultation with the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, use moneys deposited in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund under section 1 of this 2025 Act for relocating wolves that have preyed on livestock to public lands in Hood River County, Multnomah County and Washington County.

(2) In consultation with the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, adopt rules that govern the relocation.

(3) Ensure that a wolf that has preyed on livestock is relocated as described in subsection (1) of this section before the wolf is lethally deterred.

SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.

(2) Any moneys deposited in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund under section 1 of this 2025 Act that are unexpended and unobligated on the date of the repeal shall revert to the General Fund.

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

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.