

Weekly Legislative Report

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Hello!

The Oregon Hunting Community had another good week in the Legislature. We saw one of our important bills (no net loss) make it through the entire process and our OHA priority bill HB 2125A (mandatory reporting) clear one hurdle (the House) and head to the Senate for a vote. The legislature is setting its sights on going home early, with the sine die target constantly moving the dates of June 17th and 20th.

Last Week (June 6th)

HB 2875B – No Net Loss

Summary - Specifies that public lands currently accessible for hunting must remain accessible for hunting unless state agency restricts access for reason of public safety or wildlife management. Directs state agencies to avoid making determinations that result in net loss of access. Requires notice of restriction. Directs State Fish and Wildlife Director to report to Legislative Assembly on acreage of public lands accessible for hunting.

Action: Last week we saw the Historic-hunting bill “no net loss” pass the Senate by a 22 to 7 vote. It then went to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendments where it passed. It now goes to the Governor for his signature. This has been a four to six year battle to get passed.

HB 2125A – Mandatory Reporting

Summary -Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission to impose surcharge not to exceed \$25 on persons who fail to comply with mandatory reporting requirements.

It's companion bill:

HB 2126A - Mandatory Reporting Incentives

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule to authorize issuance of free tags to hunt antelope, deer and elk to provide incentive to increase compliance with reporting requirements.

Action – These two bills, known as the “carrot and the stick bills” have passed the House and are now on the way to the Senate floor for a vote.

Next Week (Week of June 13th)

This week we will see the floor vote in the Senate on the mandatory reporting bill and the mandatory incentive bill.

Wolf Compensation Bill Update

Last week the Governor's office called a meeting to see if a compromise between interested parties could be worked out on the bill. That meeting resulted in all the parties agreeing to the language that would go into a wolf damage compensation package. The bill, with the agreed to language, may get a hearing as early as Monday of next week.

That concludes my report. Thank you for your continued support. Ae

Bill Update List – Updated 6/11/11

Here is a list of some of the bills that OHA is following. The wording in the bill summaries that is bracketed [] is wording that has been deleted and new wording has been amended into the bill. The new wording is included in the bill summaries when appropriate.

House Bills

HB 2125A - Mandatory Reporting

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission to impose surcharge not to exceed \$25 [\$50] on persons who fail to comply with mandatory reporting requirements.

1-10(H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

1-21 Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

2-11 Public Hearing held

4-11 Possible Work Session held.

4-15 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

6-1 Work Session held.

Returned to Full Committee.

6-3 Work Session held

6-7 Recommendation: Do pass.

6-8 Second reading.

6-9 Third reading. Carried by Cowan. Passed.

Ayes, 33; Nays, 26--Bentz, Brewer, Cameron, Conger, Doherty, Freeman, Garrard, Gilliam, Hicks, Huffman, Kennemer, Lindsay, McLane, Parrish, Richardson, Sheehan, Smith G., Sprenger, Thatcher, Thompson, Wand, Weidner, Whisnant, Wingard, Witt, Speaker Hanna; Excused, 1--Greenlick.

6-9(S) First reading. Referred to President's desk.

6-10 Referred to Ways and Means

Update: Bill now goes to Senate floor for a vote.

HB 2126A - Mandatory Reporting Incentives

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule to authorize issuance of free tags to hunt antelope, deer and elk to provide incentive to increase compliance with reporting requirements.

1-10(H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

1-21 Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

2-11 Public Hearing held

4-11 Possible Work Session held.

4-15 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

5-3 Assigned to Subcommittee On Natural Resources.

6-1 Work Session held.

Returned to Full Committee.
6-3 Work Session held.
6-7 Recommendation: Do pass.
6-8 Second reading.
6-9 Third reading. Carried by Cowan. Passed.
Ayes, 56; Nays, 3--Huffman, Richardson, Thompson; Excused, 1--Greenlick.
6-9(S) First reading. Referred to President's desk.
6-10 Referred to Ways and Means.

Update: Bill now goes to the Senate floor for a vote.

HB 2127 – Voluntary Habitat Conservation Stamp

Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue voluntary habitat conservation stamp and to charge fee not to exceed \$50 for stamp. Directs Commission to arrange for selection of design for stamp. Allows commission to make stamp available for creation of art prints and art works. Allows commission to contract for performance of duties regarding stamp.

1-10(H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
1-21 Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
2-11 Public Hearing held.
2-16 Public Hearing and Work Session held.
2-25 Possible Reconsideration and Work Session held.
3-10 Read third time under Consent Calendar. Passed.
Ayes, 58; Nays, 1--Freeman; Excused, 1—Gelser
3-18 Referred to Environment and Natural Resources.
4-28 Public Hearing and Possible Work Session held.
5-3 Recommendation: Do pass.
Second reading.
5-4 Carried over to 05-05 by unanimous consent.
5-5 Third reading. Carried by Olsen. Passed. Ayes, 29; excused, 1--Boquist.
5-10(H) Co-Speakers signed.
5-10(S) President signed.
5-16(H) Governor signed.
Chapter 50, (2011 Laws): Effective date January 1, 2012.

Update: Bill becomes effective January 1, 2012.

HB 2337: Pilot Program to Hunt Cougars with Dogs

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to recommend rules to State Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding creation of pilot program that allows persons to use dogs to hunt or pursue cougars. Allows commission to adopt rules to create and implement pilot program. Requires persons to possess certain permits and tags to use dogs to hunt or pursue cougars. Allows county governing body to request inclusion in pilot program. Sunsets January 2, 2020.

1-11(H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.
1-21 Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources
3-7 Public Hearing held.
4-13 Possible Work Session held.
4-18 Recommendation: Do pass.
4-19 Second reading.
4-20 Third reading. Carried by Sprenger. Passed.

Ayes, 45; Nays, 14--Bailey, Barker, Barnhart, Boone, Buckley, Dembrow, Doherty, Garrett, Gelser, Greenlick, Holvey, Nathanson, Nolan, Tomei; Excused, 1--Kennemer.

4-21(S) First reading. Referred to President's desk.

4-28 Referred to Environment and Natural Resources

Update: Bill died in committee.

HB 2791: Removal of OSP from Background Checks

Removes Department of State Police as designated state point of contact for purposes of National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Requires gun dealer to obtain authorization to transfer firearm directly from system.

1-11(H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

1-21 Referred to Judiciary.

4-19 Public Hearing held.

4-20 Work Session held

4-26 Recommendation: Do pass.

4-27 Second reading.

4-28 Third reading. Motion to refer to Ways and Means carried. Referred

5-5 Assigned to Subcommittee On Public Safety.

5-17 Public Hearing scheduled

Update: Bill died in committee.

HB 2875A: No Net Loss

[Specifies that public lands used for wildlife management purposes must be accessible for hunting. Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission to avoid making management determinations that result in net loss of access to hunting on public lands used for wildlife management purposes.] Specifies that public lands currently accessible for hunting must remain accessible for hunting unless state agency restricts access for reason of public safety or wildlife management. Directs state agencies to avoid making determinations that result in net loss of access. Requires notice of restriction. Directs State Fish and Wildlife Director to report to Legislative Assembly on acreage of public lands accessible for hunting.

1-11(H) First reading. Referred to Speaker's desk.

1-21 Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources.

2-23 Public Hearing held

3-14 Public Hearing and Possible Work Session held.

3-16 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.

3-21 Second reading.

3-22 Third reading. Carried by Clem. Passed.

Ayes, 58; Excused, 2--Nolan, Weidner.

3-23(S) First reading. Referred to President's desk.

3-29 Referred to Environment and Natural Resources

5-19 Public Hearing Scheduled

5-31 Work Session held.

6-2 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng. bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

6-6 Second reading.

6-7 Third reading. Carried by Prozanski. Passed.

Ayes, 22; nays, 7--Boquist, Ferrioli, George, Kruse, Olsen, Telfer, Thomsen; excused, 1--Morse.

6-9(H) House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed bill.

Ayes, 50; Nays, 9--Bentz, Cameron, Esquivel, Freeman, Garrard, Krieger, Weidner, Wingard, Speaker Hanna; Excused, 1--Greenlick.

Update: Bill now goes to Governor for signature.

HB 3125A – Prohibits Persons Convicted of Felonies from Applying for Hunting Licenses, Tags

[Prohibits certain persons from applying for or possessing licenses, tags and permits to take or hunt wildlife. Punishes violation by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.] Requires applicant for license, tag or permit to hunt wildlife with firearms to attest that applicant is not convicted felon and has not been found guilty except for insanity.

2-7(H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.

2-14 Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources

3-14 Public Hearing held.

3-28 Public Hearing and Possible Work Session Held.

4-5 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed A-Engrossed.

4-7 Second reading

4-11 Third reading. Carried by Witt. Passed.

Ayes, 41; Nays, 15--Bentz, Berger, Conger, Freeman, Garrard, Gilliam, Huffman, Krieger, McLane, Richardson, Smith G., Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Wingard; Excused, 3--Hicks, Nolan, Whisnant; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Olson.

4-12(S) First reading. Referred to President's desk

4-20 Referred to Judiciary.

5-12 Public Hearing held

5-19 Work Session held.

5-26 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments. (Printed B-Eng.)

5-27 Second reading.

5-31 Third reading. Carried by Prozanski. Passed.

Ayes, 17; nays, 12--Atkinson, Boquist, Ferrioli, George, Girod, Kruse, Morse, Olsen, Telfer, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters; excused, 1--Bates.

Vote explanation(s) filed by Boquist.

6-2(H) House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed bill.

Ayes, 40; Nays, 20--Bentz, Conger, Esquivel, Freeman, Garrard, Gilliam, Hicks, Huffman, Krieger, McLane, Nolan, Olson, Richardson, Smith G., Thatcher, Thompson, Weidner, Whisnant, Wingard, Speaker Hanna.

6-9 Co-Speakers signed.

6-10(S) President signed.

Update: Bill now goes to Governor for his signature.

HB 3560A – Wolf Management and Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund

Directs State *[Board]* Department of Agriculture to establish and implement wolf depredation compensation and *[cost-sharing]* financial assistance grant program for purposes of compensating persons who suffer loss or injury due to wolf depredation and providing financial assistance to persons who implement livestock management techniques or non-lethal wolf control techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of livestock. Creates Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund. Continuously appropriates fund moneys to *[State]* department *[of Agriculture]* for purpose of *[providing compensation and financial assistance under]* establishing and implementing program.

2-21(H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.

2-28 Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources with subsequent referral to Ways and Means

3-30 Public Hearing held.

4-5 Public Hearing scheduled

4-13 Possible Work Session scheduled.

4-15 Possible Work Session held.

4-20 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments, be printed A-Engrossed, and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Update: A great deal of activity is occurring around this bill at this time.

HB 3562 – Person may take Wolf in Defense of the Person’s own Life or the Life of another Person.

Provides that person may take gray wolf when being attacked.

2-21(H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.

2-28 Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources

3-30 Public Hearing held.

4-5 Public Hearing scheduled

4-13 Possible Work Session held.

4-19 Recommendation: Do pass.

4-20 Second reading.

Rules suspended. Made a Special Order of Business on April 21, 2011 Calendar.

4-21 Third reading. Carried by Smith G.. Passed.

Ayes, 51; Nays, 7. 4-25(S) First reading. Referred to President's desk. 4-28 Referred to Senate Environment and Natural Resources

Update: Bill died in committee.

HB 3636 – Predator Control

Requires that each application for issuance of license, tag or permit by State Fish and Wildlife Commission include separate section under which applicant may make voluntary contribution for predatory animal control in county or counties in which license, tag or permit allows person to hunt. Specifies use of voluntary contributions. Establishes Wildlife Conservation Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

4-12(H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.

4-14 Referred to Rules with subsequent referral to Ways and Means.

4-25 Public Hearing held.

6-1 Work Session held.

6-2 Recommendation: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. Referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Update: Bill is now in Ways and Means.

HB 3656 – ODFW Work With Impacted Areas

Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission and State Department of Fish and Wildlife to advise, consult and cooperate with other state agencies, political subdivisions, other states, and the federal government and private landowners regarding fish and wildlife management. Specifies that before commission makes determination that species is threatened or endangered, Commission shall consult with federal agencies; other

interested state agencies and affected cities and counties. Requires commission to work with affected cities and counties to mitigate adverse impact on local economies when commission adds species to list of threatened species or endangered species.

5-2(H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.

5-3 Referred to Rules

5-19 Public Hearing held.

5-26 Work Session held

5-31 Recommendation: Do pass.

6-1 Second reading.

6-2 Rules suspended. Carried over to June 6, 2011 Calendar.

6-6 Rules suspended. Carried over to June 7, 2011 Calendar.

6-7 Third reading. Carried by Johnson, Esquivel. Passed.

Ayes, 59; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Read.

6-8(S) First reading. Referred to President's desk.

Update: Bill passed House now in Senate.

Senate Bills

SB 924 A – Wildlife Violations

Changes provisions related to revocation and denial of licenses tags and permits.

Modifies penalty provisions related to wildlife laws.

2-22(S) Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk.

2-25 Referred to Environment and Natural Resources.

4-7 Public Hearing held.

4-14 Work Session held.

4-18 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

4-19 Second reading.

4-20 Carried over to 04-21 by unanimous consent.

4-21 Taken from 04-21 Calendar and placed on 04-25 Calendar on voice vote.

4-25 Carried over to 04-26 by unanimous consent.

4-26 Third reading. Carried by Boquist. Passed.

Ayes, 21; nays, 8--Girod, Johnson, Kruse, Nelson, Telfer, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett; excused, 1--George.

4-27(H) First reading. Referred to the desks of the Co-Speakers.

5-4 Referred to Judiciary.

5-26 Work Session held.

6-3 Recommendation: Do pass with amendments and be printed B-Engrossed.

6-7 Second reading.

6-8 Third reading. Carried by Krieger. Passed.

Ayes, 57; Excused, 2--Greenlick, Sprenger; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Tomei.

6-10(S) Senate concurred in House amendments and repassed bill.

Ayes, 24; excused, 6--Bates, Devlin, Nelson, Telfer, Verger, President Courtney.

Update: Bill now awaits signatures.