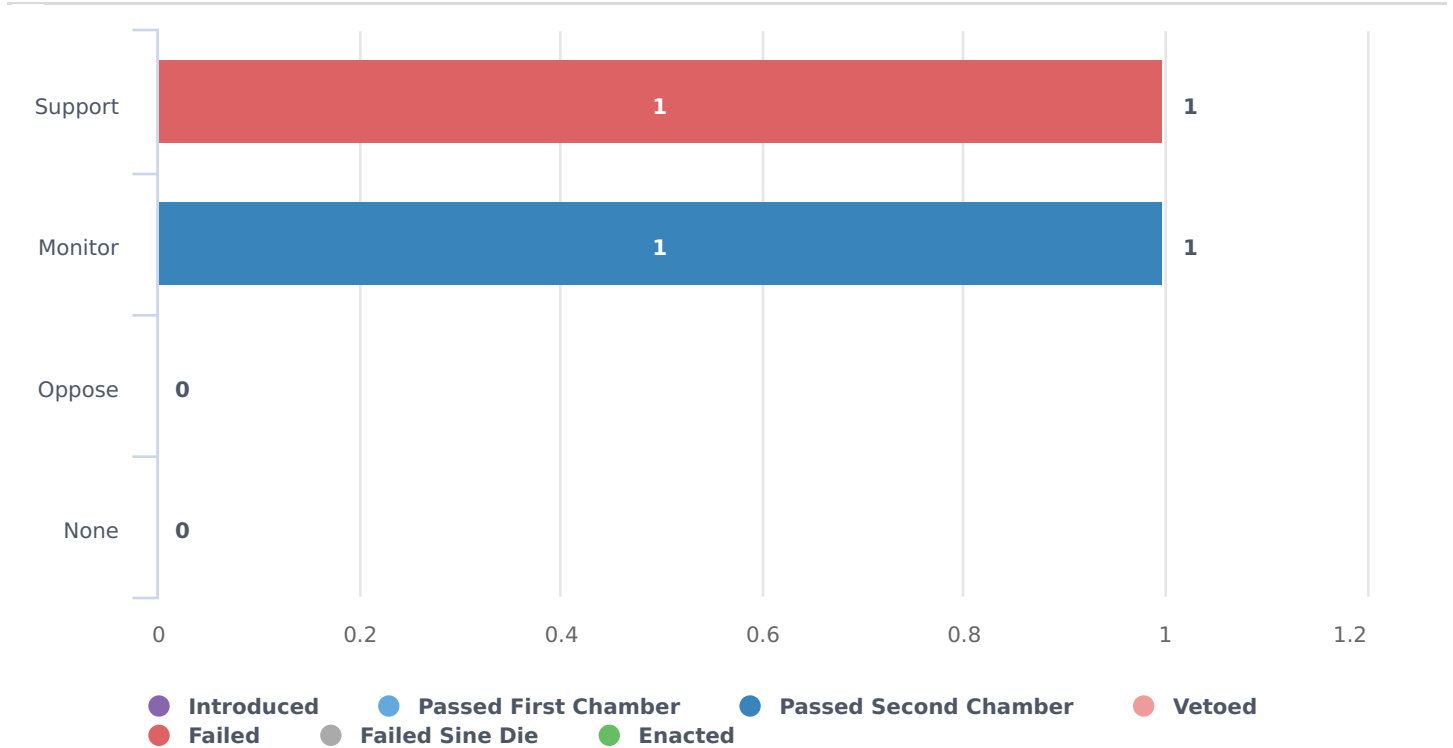


Oregon - 2024 Legislative Overview

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Bills by Last Status and Position



Bill State: OR (2)

Title

Relating to animal cruelty; creating new provisions; amending ORS 105.597, 167.320, 167.322, 167.330, 167.332, 167.350 and 686.040; and prescribing an effective date.

Description

Digest: The Act creates a new crime of interfering with an animal cruelty investigation. The Act makes certain changes to current animal cruelty laws. The Act allows a person who is banned from owning or living with an animal to ask to change the ban. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.0). Creates the crime of interfering with an investigation into an offense against an animal. Punishes by a maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both. Establishes certain changes related to the crime of animal abuse in the first degree. Establishes certain changes related to the crime of aggravated animal abuse in the first degree. Establishes certain changes related to the crime of animal neglect in the first degree. Prohibits a person convicted of violating certain animal cruelty statutes from possessing or residing with an animal of the same genus against which the crime was committed or a domestic animal for a certain period of time. Punishes a violation of a prohibition by a maximum of six months' imprisonment, a \$2,500 fine, or both. Allows a person subject to a prohibition to request changes to the prohibition under certain circumstances. Punishes a violation of an amended order of prohibition by a maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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Amends Volume 4 (Criminal Procedure), Title 16 (Crimes & Punishments), Chapter 167 (Offenses Against General Welfare & Animals) to: (1) Create a new crime of interfering with an animal cruelty investigation; and (2) Amend current prohibition on possession of animals for those convicted of certain animal cruelty offenses. Provides that a person commits the crime of interfering with an investigation into an offense against an animal if the person intentionally or knowingly conceals an animal, transports an animal or takes other action to prevent a peace officer, or a licensed veterinarian from examining an animal suspected of being the subject of a violation under this section. Interfering with an investigation into an offense against an animal is a Class A misdemeanor and is punishable by a maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both. Prohibits a person convicted of violating certain animal cruelty statutes from possessing OR RESIDING with an animal of the same genus against which the crime was committed or a domestic animal for a certain period of time. Punishes a violation of a prohibition by a maximum of six months' imprisonment, a \$2,500 fine, or both. Allows a person subject to a prohibition described in this section may file a motion with the sentencing court requesting a termination of the prohibition, a reduction in the length of the prohibition or an amendment of the prohibition to exclude certain categories of animals or certain specific animals, unless the underlying conviction was for intentional or knowing conduct.

Title

Relating to natural resources; creating new provisions; amending ORS 366.161 and 366.162; and declaring an emergency.

Description

Digest: The Act directs an agency to expand programs related to wildlife illness. The Act directs an agency to perform a review. The Act directs an agency to establish a program for living with wildlife. The Act makes changes related to wildlife paths and roads. The Act gives moneys for related purposes. The Act goes into effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.3). Directs the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to expand programs related to wildlife disease. Directs the Invasive Species Council to undertake a review of council programs and activities. Directs the department to establish a wildlife coexistence program. Makes certain changes concerning a program to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions. Appropriates moneys out of the General Fund for implementing the expansion, review, new program and changes to wildlife programs. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

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An Act directing certain agencies to: (1) Expand programs related to wildlife illness and zoonotic disease; and (2) Undertake a review of the Invasive Species Council's programs and activities. Provides that, in partnership and consultation with Oregon State University, the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and the Oregon Invasive Species Council, the State Department of Fish & Wildlife shall expand programs related to wildlife disease to improve the state's coordination, monitoring, prevention and response related to zoonotic diseases and other wildlife diseases of concern. Provides that the Invasive Species Council shall review programs and activities under ORS 570.755, including but not limited to the operation and capacity of the council, interagency coordination, outreach and education and emergency response, to identify and prioritize actions that would improve the state's ability to prevent: (1) Negative impacts from invasive species; and (2) The establishment of invasive species in this state. Provides for appropriations for the Invasive Species Council, the Oregon State University for the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund.

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