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House Bill 4040

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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.

Ratifies decision of State Fish and Wildlife Commission to remove *Canis lupus* from state list of endangered species.

[Prohibits commission from including Canis lupus on lists of threatened species or endangered species unless certain criteria met.]

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to *Canis lupus*; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas *Canis lupus*, commonly known as the gray wolf, was extirpated from Oregon by 1950;
4 and

5 Whereas *Canis lupus* has been listed as a state-designated endangered species since the
6 enactment of ORS 496.171 to 496.182 by the Legislative Assembly in 1987; and

7 Whereas a *Canis lupus* population has been reestablished in Oregon and has been increasing in
8 both distribution and abundance since 2008; and

9 Whereas *Canis lupus* is not now and is not likely in the foreseeable future to be in danger of
10 extinction in Oregon; and

11 Whereas *Canis lupus* has natural reproductive potential that is not in danger of failure due to
12 limited population numbers, disease, predation or other natural or human actions affecting continued
13 existence of the species; and

14 Whereas *Canis lupus* is not undergoing imminent or active deterioration of range or primary
15 habitat; and

16 Whereas *Canis lupus* is not subject to overutilization of the species or its habitat for commer-
17 cial, recreational, scientific or educational purposes; and

18 Whereas *Canis lupus* has adequate protection under existing state programs, laws and regu-
19 lations, including the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and associated rules adopted
20 by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

21 Whereas the commission took administrative action on November 9, 2015, to remove *Canis lupus*
22 from the Oregon lists of threatened species or endangered species; and

23 Whereas the commission developed extensive analyses and assessments that were made publicly
24 available for review and comment through a series of public hearings; and

25 Whereas the commission provided their analyses and assessments for review by experts in the
26 field of wildlife management; and

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.

1 Whereas the commission has received and reviewed thousands of public comments on this mat-
2 ter, including many hours of public testimony; now, therefore,

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

4 SECTION 1. The administrative rule amendment adopted by the State Fish and Wildlife
5 Commission on November 9, 2015, to remove *Canis lupus*, commonly known as the gray wolf,
6 from the state lists of threatened species or endangered species established pursuant to ORS
7 496.172 (2), is ratified as satisfying the elements of ORS 496.176 and approved.

8 SECTION 2. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
9 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect
10 on its passage.

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