

House Bill 2548

Sponsored by Representative HELM, Senator GORSEK; Representative HOLVEY, Senator PROZANSKI (Pre-session 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**.

Directs Legislative Policy and Research Office to study issues related to funding construction of wildlife corridor road crossings and report to appropriate committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2022. Specifies necessary contents of report.

Sunset January 2, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to funding for wildlife corridor road crossings.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Office shall study, as a supplement**
5 **to and in conjunction with the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan described in ORS 496.272, issues**
6 **related to funding wildlife corridor road crossings and on or before September 15, 2022,**
7 **present the results of the study in a report to an appropriate committee or interim com-**
8 **mittee of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245.**

9 (2) The study described in subsection (1) of this section must, at a minimum, examine:

10 (a) The potential logistics and benefits of imposing a fee or surcharge on motor vehicle
11 liability insurance policies to fund construction of wildlife corridor road crossings;

12 (b) An estimate of the numbers and types of wildlife corridor road crossings that would
13 be necessary to significantly reduce collisions between motor vehicles and wildlife;

14 (c) An estimate of the moneys that a fee or surcharge of differing amounts could yield
15 for a wildlife corridor road crossing construction program and the number of wildlife corri-
16 dor road crossing construction projects that the program could potentially fund each year
17 with different fees or surcharges; and

18 (d) An estimate of the reductions in property damage, health care costs, insurance pre-
19 miums and other impacts that constructing an adequate number of wildlife corridor road
20 crossings in appropriate locations could produce, along with an analysis of the benefits
21 compared with the impact of the costs to motor vehicle liability insurance policy holders.

22 (3) The Department of Transportation, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the
23 Department of Consumer and Business Services shall support and cooperate with the office
24 in researching and preparing the report described in subsection (1) of this section.

25 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

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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.