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2021 Oregon Legislature: Animal-Related Bills (End of Legislative Session)

Bill	Subject	Description/Explanation of Position	HVO Position	Result	Work Done by HVO
HB 2728	Wildlife/ coyotes	Would prohibit coyote-killing contests, which are cruel and unethical.	Support	Died in Senate committee after being passed by House	Worked extensively with coalition of groups; submitted written comments and testified to House committee; communicated with legislators
HB 2924	Farm animals/ dairies	Would prohibit new dairies with 2,500 cows or more, which would reduce extreme confinement and other animal welfare issues in dairy industry; work focused on identical Senate bill - SB 583.	Support	Died (no hearing)	Communicated with legislators to request hearing
SB 583	Farm animals/ dairies	Would prohibit new dairies with 2,500 cows or more, which would reduce extreme confinement and other animal welfare issues in dairy industry.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	Submitted written comments and testified to Senate committee; worked extensively with coalition on lobbying and action alerts
HB 2171	Wildlife/ conservation	Would continue Conservation and Recreation Fund, which provides money for fish and wildlife management to benefit all Oregonians; added provisions would increase access to diverse communities.	Support	Passed	Submitted joint written comments with other pro-wildlife groups and testified to House committee
HB 2600	Wildlife/ conservation	Would provide percentage of state transient lodging tax to Conservation and Recreation Fund and repeal sunset of fund, which funds fish and wildlife management for all Oregonians.	Support	Died in committee	Submitted written comments

HB 3167	Wildlife/ predators	Would repeal sunset of "predator damage control" district program and allow for increased funding; likely resulting in more killing of more predators.	Oppose	Died in Senate committee after being passed by House	Submitted written comments and testified to House committee; worked to get amendments to require non-lethal measures; communicated directly with numerous legislators
HB 3365	Animals/ cosmetics	Would prohibit manufacture and sale in Oregon of cosmetics tested on animals.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	Communicated with legislators to request hearing
HB 3008	Animals/ entertainment	Would prohibit traveling animal acts, reducing inhumane treatment of animals through confinement, training and transportation for such acts.	Support	Died (no hearing)	Communicated with legislators to request hearing
HB 2676	Animals/fur	Would prohibit sale of new fur products in Oregon, reducing confinement and killing of animals for fur.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	Communicated with legislators to request hearing
HCR 9	Companion animals/state pet	Would designate rescued shelter dogs and cats as official state pet, which would help promote pet adoption.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	
HB 2348	Diet	Would require hospitals, long-term care facilities and prisons to offer plant-based meals and beverages, leading to better health for people and fewer farm animals confined and/or killed for food.	Support	Died in committee	Submitted joint written comments with other conservation, health and animal-welfare groups
SB 841	Environment	Would appropriate additional money to Department of Justice for prosecution of environmental crimes and cultural resources enforcement.	Support	Died in committee	Submitted joint written comments with other pro-wildlife groups
SB 151	Farm animals/ manure tax credit	Would extend tax credit for management of cow manure, incentivizing factory farming and associated animal welfare and environmental problems.	Oppose	Died in committee	Submitted joint written comments as part of Stand Up to Factory Farms coalition against mega-dairies

SB 832	Farm animals/ mink	Would phase out mink farming.	Support	Died in committee	Submitted joint written comments with health, conservation and animal-welfare groups; submitted separate written comments
SB 387	Farm animals/ stockwatering	Would limit to 5,000 gallons per day an exemption from water- use permitting laws for "stockwatering," requiring new factory farms to get permits for using water from streams, rivers and groundwater aquifers.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	Communicated with legislators to request hearing
HB 5009	ODFW/ funding	Appropriates moneys from General Fund to State Department of Fish and Wildlife for certain biennial expenses. HVO priorities: Habitat Division; poaching enforcement; no funding for "predator control" (Wildlife Services)	Support/ Oppose	Passed with priority programs including Habitat Division	Submitted joint written comments as part of Oregon Wildlife Coalition
HB 2843	Wildlife/ beavers	Would prohibit hunting and trapping of beavers on federal public land, benefiting beavers and likely leading to more beaver dams benefiting other fish and wildlife.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	Communicated with legislators to request hearing
HB 2844	Wildlife/ beavers	Would remove beavers from list of "predatory" animals that can be killed on private land without regulation, reducing killing of beavers on private land and leading to more beaver dams benefiting other fish and wildlife.	Support	Died in committee	Submitted joint written comments with conservation groups; submitted separate written comments

HB 2691	Wildlife/ birds	Would direct study of technique to increase visibility to birds of rotor blades on wind energy facilities; study would also examine potential impacts on species.	Support	Died in budget committee after passing policy committee; funded in separate bill	Submitted written comments and testified to House committee; worked with representative's staff on amendments; emailed committee members to support bill with amendments
HB 2797	Wildlife/ cougars	Would allow counties to resume sport hunting of cougars with dogs, a hunting method we consider particularly inhumane because it fails to respect principles of "fair chase."	Oppose	Died in committee (no hearing)	
SB 643	Wildlife/ cougars	Would allow counties to resume sport hunting of cougars with dogs, a hunting method we consider particularly inhumane because it fails to respect principles of "fair chase."	Oppose	Died in committee	
HB 3187	Wildlife/ council	Would establish "Oregon Wildlife Council" primarily to promote a hunting, fishing and agriculture perspective in Oregon fish and wildlife management; impeding shift to management for all Oregonians.	Oppose	Died in budget committee without vote of full House or Senate	Submitted joint written comments as part of Oregon Wildlife Coalition and testified for HVO and coalition before House committee
HB 2548	Wildlife/ crossings	Would direct study to find funding for more wildlife road crossings, which would lead to fewer vehicle collisions with wildlife.	Support	Died in committee; work group created to study issues	Submitted joint written comments and testified to House committee; accepted appointment to work group to further study issues

HB3024	Wildlife/ diseases	Would direct: (a) report regarding preventing, monitoring and responding to zoonotic disease; (b) list of wildlife species and other scientifically recognized categories of wildlife that may not be imported, possessed, sold, purchased, exchanged or transported in this state due to potential for transmission of zoonotic disease that may compromise public health, native wildlife or agricultural interest.	Support	Died in budget committee after passing policy committee	Submitted joint written comments with other conservation and animal-welfare groups
HB 3328	Wildlife/ funding	Would impose additional income tax for "Wildlife Fund," potentially leading to broader management of fish and wildlife resources for all Oregonians.	Support	Died in committee	Submitted joint written comments as part of Oregon Wildlife Coalition
HB 2068	Wildlife/ hunting	Would continue program of giving landowners special tags (limited for general population) for hunting wildlife on their property; could lead to privatization of wildlife.	Oppose	Passed but with "sunset" requiring review in four years	Watched hearing House hearing; requested amendments; emailed committee members re amendments; testified and submitted written comments to Senate committee
HB 3152	Wildlife/ inspection	Authorizes State Department of Fish and Wildlife to operate wildlife inspection stations for purposes of preventing spread of infections or infestations harmful to wildlife or of furthering wildlife management efforts.	Support	Passed	
SB 592	Wildlife/lead	Would prohibit lead weights for fishing and lead shot for hunting, reducing presence of toxic lead in ecosystem.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	

HB 2689	Wildlife/ predators	Would direct Department of Agriculture to establish grant program for nonlethal measures to reduce conflicts between wildlife and agriculture.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	
HB 2723	Wildlife/ predators	Would allow Fish and Wildlife Commission (not just legislature) to regulate killing of "predatory" animals, providing more opportunity for protective and humane regulation.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	
HB 2803	Wildlife/ predators	Would require Department of Fish and Wildlife to operate program in southwest Oregon to control populations of species that prey on salmon, scapegoating animals for human impacts on salmon populations.	Oppose	Died in committee (no hearing)	
SB 869	Wildlife/ predators	Would restore authority of Department of Fish and Wildlife to make rules related to the killing of "predatory" animals (introduced late in session and sent to closed committee).	Support	Died in committee	
HB 2334	Government process	Would modify provisions regarding statement in rulemaking on cost of compliance effect on small businesses, potentially making it more difficult to adopt rules protecting animals.	Oppose	Died in committee	Submitted written comments to House committee
SB 871	Animals/ racing	Would ban horse racing (introduced late in session and sent to closed committee).	Support	Died in committee	
HB 2033	Animals/emergencies	Would authorize Department of Agriculture to deputize veterinary technicians to assist department in carrying out its duties, increasing veterinary capacity for treating animals in a disaster or emergency.	Support	Passed	Monitored hearings

SB 103	Animals/ emergency	Transfers duty to prepare written animal emergency operations plan from Office of Emergency Management to State Department of Agriculture. Requires department to cooperate with Department of Human Services in developing plan.	Neutral	Passed	Submitted written comments to Senate committee
HB 2271	Animals/ prosecution	Would provide dedicated funding for prosecution of crimes against animals, helping to discourage further offenses.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	
HB 2733	Companion animals/ dogs	Would allow counties to license dogs without immediate proof of rabies inoculation (provided proof is provided later), likely increasing licensing and therefore revenues for county animal shelters and other services.	Support	Died in committee	Submitted written comments to House committee
HB 2776	Fish/ aquaculture	Would transfer regulation of aquaculture from Department of Fish and Wildlife to Department of Agriculture and generally promote aquaculture, likely leading to more welfare concerns for farmed fish and harm to wild aquatic animals through pollution and escape of farmed fish.	Oppose	Died in committee (no hearing)	
HB 2661	Fish/ pikeminnow	Would provide a \$5 bounty on pikeminnow (a native fish that preys on juvenile salmon), misplacing blame for a mostly human-caused decline in salmon populations and likely having little impact on salmon.	Oppose	Died in budget committee after passing policy committee	Talked to legislators

SB 633	Wildlife/ commission	Would require Fish and Wildlife Commission to consist of appointees representing various special interests, impeding efforts to make Commission more responsive to general public.	Oppose	Died in committee (no hearing)	
SB 761	Wildlife/elk	Would allow programs to kill elk deemed a nuisance in urban areas, potentially leading to more elk killed but potentially leading to more transparent programs with better rules.	Oppose	Passed	Submitted written comments and testified to Senate committee
HB 2217	Wildlife/ euthanasia	Would require more humane euthanasia of wildlife killed for perceived conflicts with people. Should also limit circumstances in which such wildlife may be killed.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	
HB 2652	Wildlife/owls	Would direct program to reward killing of barred owls deemed a threat to spotted owls, scapegoating another wildlife species for a largely human-caused decline in spotted owls.	Oppose	Died in committee (no hearing)	
HB 2286	Wildlife/task force	Would establish a task force to evaluate wildlife management in Oregon, potentially leading to shifting focus away from hunting and fishing.	Watch	Died in committee (hearing dedicated to other issue)	Submitted joint written comments to committee with other pro-wildlife groups
SB 642	Wildlife/ wolves	Would appropriate \$800,000 to fund that compensates ranchers for wolf damage, despite several reports that fund lacks adequate safeguards to ensure payments are made only for legitimate claims.	Oppose	Died in budget committee after passing policy committee	Talked to key decision makers
SJR 5	Environment	Would propose amendment to Oregon Constitution to create right to clean and healthy environment.	Support	Died in committee (no hearing)	

SB 637	Wildlife/ conflict	Would allow person killing certain game mammals as "nuisance" to retain game meat if meat is offered to charitable organizations and refused; could incentivize killing more animals under claim of nuisance.	Oppose	Died in committee	
HB 2069	Wildlife/ grouse	Establishes Sage Grouse Mitigation Program In-Lieu Fee Fund - landowners can pay if harm sage grouse habitat; money used to "mitigate" impacts.	Neutral	Passed	
HB 2276	Wildlife/ hunting	Would establish task force on hunting to submit a report (no details on report).	Watch	Died in committee (no hearing)	
HB 2804	Wildlife/ hunting	Would allow hunting with crossbows by people meeting certain criteria; a method more likely to inflict pain and suffering on wildlife.	Oppose	Died in committee (no hearing)	
SB 630	Wildlife/ hunting	Authorizes use of landowner damage tag to take elk on adjacent property with consent of owner of adjacent property.	Watch	Died in committee	
HB 2067	Wildlife/ hunting/ fishing	Would allow Fish and Wildlife Commission to charge fees for hunting, angling and shellfish licenses, tags and permits that are less than amount established in statutory fee schedule; could reduce funding to Department of Fish and Wildlife	Neutral	Died in Senate committee after being passed by House	Watched House proceedings