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2025 Oregon Legislature: Animal-Related Bills (Final Results)

GOOD BILLS PASSED

Bill	Subject	Description
HB 3020	Animal racing	Prohibits betting on dog racing through Oregon-licensed businesses, regardless of where the race takes place. Although Oregon no longer allows greyhound racing, it processes a substantial portion of the betting on greyhound racing in other locations, which supports the industry financially. HB 3020 will end this beginning July 1, 2027.
HB 3932	Beavers	Prohibits recreational and commercial hunting and trapping of beavers on public land in or adjacent to waterways classified for poor water quality. In addition to promoting creation of beaver dams, which have been shown to improve watershed health, this bill will reduce inhumane hunting and trapping of beavers for recreation and fur.
HB 2978	Wildlife migration	Requires increased collaboration between the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to promote highway crossing for wildlife that will reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions that kill and injure wildlife and people and cause property damage to vehicles.
SB 854	Animal racing	Allows the Oregon Racing Commission to impose civil penalties for certain violations of animal racing law. Will help deter violations of animal racing laws including laws designed to protect animals.
SB 857	Animal racing	Provides for confidentiality in reporting violation of animal racing laws to the Oregon Racing Commission. Will help ensure enforcement of animal racing laws including laws to protect animals.
HB 3604	Shelter cats	Provides process and timelines from rescue entities to claim ownership of cats believed to be unowned. Will make it easier for rescues to treat, release and/or otherwise dispose of stray cats without risk of legal liability.

BAD BILLS STOPPED

HB 2403	Wildlife coexistence	Would have authorized special taxing districts to raise money for killing "predatory animals," including coyotes, cougars and bears. Money raised would have gone to the federal "Wildlife Services" program, which primarily kills wildlife, often with cruel methods such as trapping and shooting from helicopters and planes, instead of focusing on coexistence as the solution to human-wildlife conflict.
HB 3124	Wildlife coexistence	Would have directed "predator control" of animals such as cougars and coyotes to increase populations of certain hunted animals such as deer and elk.
SB 776	Wildlife coexistence	Would have directed "predator control" of animals such as cougars and coyotes to increase populations of certain hunted animals such as deer and elk.

HB 3101	Animal racing	Would have allocated more lottery revenue to county fairs to support horse racing. While horse racing remains legal in Oregon, it raises significant animal welfare concerns such that it should at least not be further subsidized with public funds.
HB 3153	Cougars	Would have authorized use of dogs to hunt cougars on private property. We opposed because using dogs to find and corner animals to be shot is particularly inhumane.
SB 349	Cougars	Would have allowed voters in a county to decide to allow the use of dogs for hunting cougars. We opposed because using dogs to find and corner animals to be shot is particularly unfair and inhumane.
SB 412	Cougars	Would have required state to issue cougar tags that allow cougars to be hunted with dogs. We opposed because using dogs to find and corner animals to be shot is particularly inhumane.
SB 769	Cougars	Would have allowed voters in a county to decide to allow the use of dogs for hunting cougars. We opposed because using dogs to find and corner animals to be shot is particularly inhumane.
SJR 13	Hunting and fishing	Would have referred to voters a proposed constitutional right to "fish, hunt or harvest wildlife." We opposed because it would interfere with reasonable regulation of hunting, fishing and trapping to ensure humane treatment of animals.
HB 2691	Plant-based foods	Would have prohibited plant-based food labels from implying they are made of meat or eggs; directed agencies not to purchase plant-based foods; and excluded plant-based foods from federal nutrition programs. We opposed because plant-based foods are more sustainable and humane.
SB 350	Barred owls	Would have established program to reward killing barred owls to protect spotted owls. We opposed as inhumane to barred owls and unlikely to have significant long-term benefits for spotted owls.
SB 354	Beavers	Would have promoted beaver relocation from western Oregon to central and eastern Oregon. We opposed because beavers seldom survive relocation efforts and because relocation is already permitted when appropriate.
HB 3023	Animal racing	Would have removed requirement that percentage of fees paid for betting on animal races go to state general fund. Would have allowed the Oregon Racing Commission to keep more money to spend on animal racing.
GOOD BILLS NOT PASSED		
HB 3143	Beavers	Would have created a grant program for projects promoting coexistence with beavers on private land.
HB 2980	Wildlife coexistence	Would have created a "wildlife stewardship" program in Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to promote nonlethal management of human-wildlife conflict and to support wildlife rehabilitation centers.
HB 2977	Wildlife conservation	Would have increased the transient lodging tax to help fund conservation work of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, including a program to promote coexistence instead of lethal responses to human-wildlife conflict.
HB 1076	Animal rescues and breeders	Would have reduced fees and administrative burdens for licensed animal rescue entities and created a licensing program for breeders.
HB 3978	Animal research	Would have prohibited certain medically unnecessary laboratory research on dogs and cats and prohibited research using nonhuman primates.

SB 181	Animal testing	Would have prohibited certain medically unnecessary laboratory research on dogs and cats.
HB 2970	Bobcat/lynx	Would have prohibited use of dogs to hunt lynx or bobcats.
SB 080	Factory farms	Would have prohibited new and expanding large confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in areas with existing groundwater pollution problems. We supported to better protect groundwater from manure pollution and because large CAFOs treat farm animals more inhumanely.
HB 2965	Fish farming	Would have banned use of "net pens" for fish farming. We supported to help prevent inhumane factory farm conditions for fish.
HB 2557	Octopus farming	Would have prohibited raising or selling farmed octopus for human consumption. We supported because octopus are highly intelligent animals that should not be subject to the extreme confinement and other conditions required to raise octopuses for human food.
HB 2984	Wildlife conservation	Would have allocated money to Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, which provides funding for fish and wildlife conservation.
HB 3362	Wildlife migration	Would have imposed a tax on tires to pay for, among other things, wildlife highway crossings.
HB 3871	Veterinary services	Would have established an Animal Welfare Trust to provide grants to entities that provide veterinary support services related to animals in low-income households or underserved communities.
BAD BILLS NOT STOPPED		
SB 777	Wildlife coexistence	Provides compensation to ranchers if wolves kill or injury farm animals or working dogs. We opposed on grounds the compensation will be up to seven times market value, which may reduce incentives to co-exist with wolves, and on grounds the program has not been effective at keeping ranchers from killing wolves.
SB 812	Hunting and fishing	Repeals sunset on program to give landowners special permits to hunt certain wildlife and to sell the permits to others. We opposed as tending to privatize wildlife that, by law, belongs to the public.
OTHER ANIMAL RELATED BILLS (NOT PASSED)		
HB 3657	Wildlife coexistence	Would have provided compensation to landowners for damage caused by wildlife and for spending on measures to prevent such damage. We support funding for nonlethal measures to prevent wildlife damage, but had concerns about creating an expectation of compensation for the ordinary consequences of living with wildlife.
HB 3332	Animal racing	Would have directed certain money the state receives from betting on animal races to fund for horse and jockey safety. We were neutral on the bill even though the money would have supported horse racing because the money would have gone to horse and jockey safety.
SB 328	Shelter pets	Would have required humane societies and animal shelters to the limit number of animals accepted and prohibited killing dogs and cats for lack of space.
HB 2744	Veterinary insurance	Would have prohibited insurers for veterinary services from limiting coverage based on preexisting conditions.
SB 327	Veterinary services	Would have prohibited a veterinarian from requiring the owner of an animal treated by the veterinarian to surrender the animal if owner did not pay for treatment of the animal.

HB 2363	Wildlife coexistence	Would have provided compensation for property damage caused by elk and measures to prevent damage caused by elk. We had concerns about creating an expectation of compensation for coexisting with wildlife but supported provisions to allow funding for nonlethal measures to prevent elk damage.
SB 222	Wildlife coexistence	Directs state to operate a program in southwest Oregon to control populations of species that prey on salmon. We opposed as unfairly targeting wildlife as hindrance to salmon enhancement and hatchery programs but took a neutral position as part of the Oregon Wildlife Coalition after bill was amended to apply only to invasive bass.