

Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2834**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 18 through 24 and delete pages  
2 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall**  
4 **collect, analyze and develop the best available science and data re-**  
5 **garding the connectivity of wildlife habitat areas. The State Depart-**  
6 **ment of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperative with the Department of**  
7 **Transportation, shall use the data to develop a plan, to be known as**  
8 **the Wildlife Corridor and Safe Road Crossing Action Plan, to preserve**  
9 **long-term habitat connectivity for wildlife as defined in ORS 496.004.**  
10 **The plan shall provide guidance for all state agencies to develop**  
11 **benchmarks for the designation and protection of wildlife corridors in**  
12 **Oregon.**

13 **“(2) The Wildlife Corridor and Safe Road Crossing Action Plan shall,**  
14 **at a minimum, include:**

15 **“(a) Identification of species of concern that are at risk from**  
16 **habitat fragmentation or barriers to species movement.**

17 **“(b) Identification of the known migration and dispersal corridors**  
18 **for species identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

19 **“(c) A description of the potential effects of climate change on**  
20 **species identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

21 **“(d) Identification of known and potential human-caused barriers**

1 in Oregon that negatively affect wildlife habitat connectivity.

2 “(e) A contemporary map showing existing and potential wildlife  
3 corridors and core high quality habitat areas.

4 “(f) A list of areas for which designation of wildlife corridors, land  
5 acquisition or other agency actions are of high priority to protect  
6 wildlife movement or habitat connectivity. The bases for identification  
7 of the high priority areas shall include but not be limited to:

8 “(A) A designation of a species by the federal government or the  
9 State Fish and Wildlife Commission as an endangered species or  
10 threatened species; and

11 “(B) The potential for reducing vehicle-wildlife collisions.

12 “(3) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall review and  
13 update the Wildlife Corridor and Safe Road Crossing Action Plan every  
14 five years. Prior to final adoption of the plan or of a plan update the  
15 department shall:

16 “(a) Post the plan or update on the department website and provide  
17 an opportunity for public comment; and

18 “(b) Deliver a copy of the plan or update to a Senate interim or  
19 regular committee relating to natural resources.

20 “(4) Prior to final adoption of a proposed update, the State Depart-  
21 ment of Fish and Wildlife shall prepare a report on implementation  
22 of the update, including but not limited to information concerning  
23 changes in the number of high priority wildlife corridors established.  
24 The Department of Transportation shall identify projects that have  
25 been implemented, the status of projects that are underway and the  
26 potential benefits from projects implemented, including but not lim-  
27 ited to describing the numbers and types of infrastructure established,  
28 the use of mitigation plans and resulting changes in the number of  
29 vehicle-wildlife collisions in areas where wildlife corridors intersect  
30 with public roads. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall

1 post the report on the department website and deliver the report to a  
2 Senate interim or regular committee relating to natural resources.

3 **“SECTION 2.** All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS  
4 174.111, are directed to assist and advise the State Department of Fish  
5 and Wildlife in the development of the Wildlife Corridor and Safe Road  
6 Crossing Action Plan and in the five-year reviews of the plan required  
7 under section 1 of this 2019 Act.

8 **“SECTION 3.** The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall ini-  
9 tiate work on the Wildlife Corridor and Safe Road Crossing Action  
10 Plan no later than January 1, 2020, and report department findings and  
11 recommendations regarding the designation and protection of wildlife  
12 corridors to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly relating  
13 to natural resources in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later  
14 than September 15, 2022.

15 **“SECTION 4.** (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission shall  
16 adopt a program to reduce vehicle-wildlife collisions in areas where  
17 wildlife corridors identified in the Wildlife Corridor and Safe Road  
18 Crossing Action Plan by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
19 intersect with proposed or existing public roads. The program shall  
20 include, but need not be limited to, plans for creating or modifying  
21 road infrastructure in a manner that promotes wildlife migration and  
22 dispersal and increases wildlife safety and public safety. The plans may  
23 include but need not be limited to the use of wildlife crossing struc-  
24 tures and roadway fencing.

25 **“(2)** If a federal, state or county road project is included in the  
26 program, the Department of Transportation shall incorporate meas-  
27 ures that are consistent with the program into the design options for  
28 the road project. The environmental impact study that the department  
29 submits for the road project shall include a list of identified wildlife  
30 corridors that might be threatened by the proposed road project and

1 a mitigation plan for minimizing the threat to the wildlife corridors.

2 “(3) After the commission adopts the program, the Department of  
3 Transportation shall review grant applications by county road depart-  
4 ments for compliance with the program, the Wildlife Corridor and Safe  
5 Road Crossing Action Plan and the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this  
6 2019 Act.

7 “SECTION 5. (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission shall  
8 adopt the program required under section 4 of this 2019 Act no later  
9 than December 31, 2023.

10 “(2) Until the commission adopts the program, the Department of  
11 Transportation and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall  
12 coordinate efforts to reduce vehicle-wildlife collisions based on the  
13 data gathered under section 1 of this 2019 Act. The Department of  
14 Transportation shall consider the benefit of including a wildlife cross-  
15 ing as part of a project if the data suggests that such a crossing could  
16 significantly reduce vehicle-wildlife collisions.”.

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