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SUMMARY

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

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 Whereas *Canis lupus* is not subject to overutilization of the species or its
19 habitat for commercial, recreational, scientific or educational purposes; and

20 Whereas *Canis lupus* has adequate protection under existing state pro-

1 grams, laws and regulations, including the Oregon Wolf Conservation and
2 Management Plan and associated rules adopted by the State Fish and
3 Wildlife Commission; and

4 Whereas the commission took administrative action on November 9, 2015,
5 to remove *Canis lupus* from the Oregon lists of threatened species or en-
6 dangered species; and

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

10 Whereas the commission provided their analyses and assessments for re-
11 view by experts in the field of wildlife management; and

12 Whereas the commission has received and reviewed thousands of public
13 comments on this matter, including many hours of public testimony; now,
14 therefore,

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

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

22 **SECTION 2. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
23 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
24 **clared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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