

From Grille to Grill

How An Idea Becomes a Law



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Getting Started

- **It Can Be A Simple Idea.**
- **Driving on HWY 11.**
- **Does the idea warrant a new law?**
- **Is it a national or state/local issue?**



Developing the Roadkill Legislation

- Staff & I Conducted Research.
- “There is no need to reinvent the wheel.”
- Are there best practices?
- Things to avoid?



The Importance of Preliminary Research

- **Helps determine potential strengths & weaknesses of the idea.**
- **Over 20 states already had a roadkill salvage program.**
- **Learning how other states organized their programs.**



A Bill is Introduced

- The bill was filed as ‘Senate Bill 372.’
- Had bi-partisan & bi-cameral support.
- Important to consult with all stake holders.
- Who will be responsible for implementing the bill?



Understanding the Process

- The importance of public testimony during the committee process.
- Anticipate possible questions.
- Are there opponents to the measure?



Working the Roadkill Bill

- Was amended to protect the state from liability.
- Made sure that no animal would suffer.
- Only applied to deer and elk.



Getting the Bill Passed

- Passed unanimously out of both the House and Senate Policy Committees.
- Passed both chambers unanimously.
- The bill had supporters from all sides of the issue.



Implementing the Idea

- Throughout the process, my office kept in touch with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.
- Using an APP to make it streamlined & efficient.
- Applicant must return the head & antlers to ODFW.



Key Takeaways on Implementation

- **Make it a Win-Win.**
- **The Roadkill bill allows ODFW to research and identify wasting disease.**
- **Thousands of pounds of high quality meat has been donated to food banks.**



The Roadkill Bill Today

- The bill became law on January 1st, 2019
- As of June 2019, 294 permits have been issued (235 deer and 59 elk).
- California is now considering their own program.



Closing Thoughts

- Know all sides of the issue.
- The roadkill bill was featured in the Washington Post and in other national news publications.
- “Roadkill Bill.”
- This process can be applied to any issue/topic.



Thank You

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