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

- Had bi-partisan & bi-cameral support.
- Important to consult with all stake holders.
- Who will be responsible for implementing the bill?



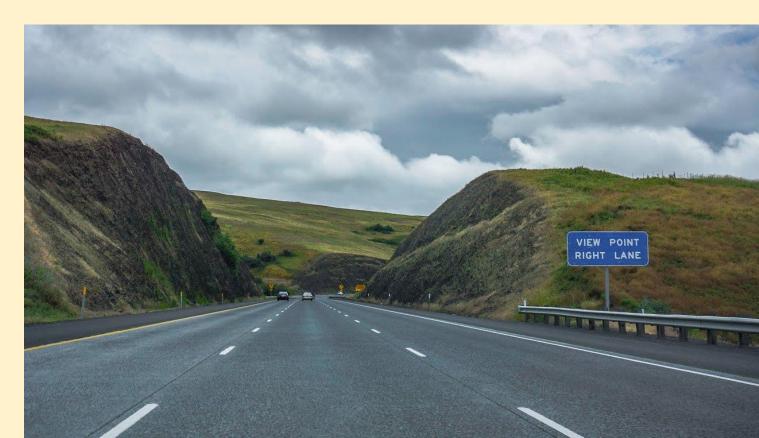
Understanding the Process

- 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.

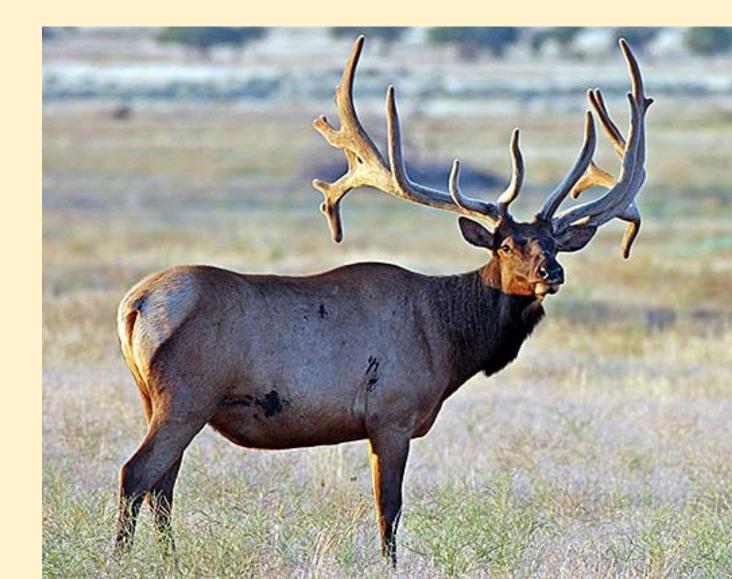
• Using an APP to make it streamlined & efficient.

• 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 <u>Washington</u> <u>Post</u> and in other national news publications.
- "Roadkill Bill."
- This process can be applied to any issue/topic.



Thank You

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