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REP. GILLIAM QUESTIONS COSTS OF PET DEER SEIZURE

Bucky and Snowball Remain in State Possession; Taxpayers, State Police On Hook

SILVERTON—Rep. Vic Gilliam (R-Silverton) today questioned the costs of seizing and holding pet deer from a Molalla family. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) have held Bucky and Snowball since mid-September, and have yet to announce what they'll do with them.

“In addition to securing the return of Snowball to the Filipetti family, I’m working to hold state government accountable for the costs of taking these animals,” Rep. Gilliam said. “I have several questions relating to the original seizure and the protracted process thus far. I believe the Bucky and Snowball situation points to broader issues of government inefficiency, common sense and stewardship of taxpayer dollars.”

Rep. Gilliam [sent a letter today](#) to ODFW Director Roy Elicker, requesting the amount of money the department has spent to seize, analyze and hold the pet deer. He is also seeking to learn the cost to other state agencies involved in the seizure, particularly the Oregon State Police.

“Taxpayers expect the Oregon State Police to keep our highways safe - not to spend our limited resources seizing docile deer,” Rep. Gilliam said. “Our tax dollars would be better spent putting more Troopers on the road, and getting us closer to 24/7 State Police coverage.”

Rep. Gilliam said he'll continue to assist the Filipetti family, and prepare for possible legislative action in Salem.

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