

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| Action: | Do Pass |
| Vote: | 5 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Atkinson, Bates, Beyer, Prozanski, Avakian |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
| Prepared By: | Sue Marshall, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 5/8 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that suspension or revocation of violator's license pursuant to the Wildlife Violators Compact begins on the date that the Fish and Wildlife Commission issues a final order and may continue for a period of more than 24 months based on the time period imposed by the other party state.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Wildlife Violators Compact
- Delays in imposing suspension or revocation of licenses under current law

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon is a member Wildlife Violators Compact, along with 24 other states. Under the Compact, a person whose hunting or angling privileges are suspended or revoked in one state may also be suspended or revoked in any of the member states according to the laws of the individual state. Under current law, the Fish and Wildlife Commission may suspend the license of a violator for a maximum of 24 months from the start of the court-ordered suspension in another state. This provision has resulted in a delay between the time of a suspension in another state and when a suspension can begin in Oregon.

House Bill 2970 authorizes the Commission to suspend a hunting or angling license, tag or permit for 24 months beginning at the time of Commission action or to suspend a license for a longer time period based on the period of suspension imposed by the other Wildlife Violators Compact member state.