

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
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Meeting Dates: 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows licensed physician assistant to give written certification for person to be considered person with disability under wildlife laws.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provides an additional avenue for persons with disabilities to obtain hunting permits
- Physician assistants practice medicine under licensed physicians

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Physician assistants provide comprehensive health care for patients in all areas of Oregon. Many times, a physician assistant is the only healthcare provider available and patients are limited if physician assistants are prohibited from signing disability forms for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Currently, ODFW only accepts disability certifications from licensed physicians or certified nurse practitioners. ODFW issues Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing permits to individuals with disabilities that permits hunting from a parked motor vehicle on non-public roads, more liberal bag limits and to receive assistance from an able-bodied companion while hunting. ODFW also offers a free combination hunting and angling license to veterans with at least a 25% disability.