

# Senate Bill 240

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Extends program that provides landowner preference tags to address damage caused by elk on privately owned land in southern Oregon.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Southwest Oregon Landowner Preference Pilot Program; amending section 1, chapter  
3 461, Oregon Laws 2003.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, chapter 461, Oregon Laws 2003, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the State Department of Fish  
7 and Wildlife shall create and implement a Southwest Oregon Landowner Preference Pilot Program  
8 during the period beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, [2008,] **2014**, that:

9 (1) Addresses damage caused by elk on privately owned lands in Jackson, Josephine, Coos,  
10 Curry and Douglas Counties.

11 (2) Provides landowner preference tags only for areas where elk are currently causing damage,  
12 where there has been a history of elk damage coupled with actions to alleviate elk damage or where  
13 the department has designated the area as an elk deemphasis area.

14 (3) Limits the use of tags to taking antlerless elk.

15 (4) Limits the use of tags to taking elk on property owned, leased or rented by the landowner  
16 complaining of elk damage or on property owned, leased or rented by a business entity that includes  
17 the landowner as a principal partner or shareholder.

18 (5) Allows exchange of unused general season elk tags or controlled hunt elk tags for landowner  
19 preference tags.

20 (6) Does not impose a limit on the number of total tags available for each property, except that  
21 no more than five tags may be valid at any one time on a particular property.

22 (7) Does not impose a minimum acreage requirement for landowner participation.

23 (8) Allows landowners to register for participation in the program at any time prior to the is-  
24 suance of tags.

25 (9) Authorizes department biologists to sell and exchange tags.

26 (10) Authorizes department biologists to establish the period of validity for tags through nego-  
27 tiation with landowners.

28 (11) Requires landowners to record the number of elk taken and, within 10 days after the end  
29 of a designated hunt period, to report to the local department biologist the number of elk taken.  
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