

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Clem
Nays:	Gilliam, Wingard
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/10, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the surcharge for resident and non-resident licenses to from \$2 to \$4 and extends the sunset on all surcharges for 10 years to December 31, 2019. Increases from \$2 to \$4 the surcharge on sportsperson licenses credited to the Access and Habitat Fund. Directs Fish and Wildlife Commission to consider recommendations from the director from a list of at least five people in making appointments to the Access and Habitat Board. Effective upon December 30, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purposes of the Access and Habitat Program
- Types of projects funded
- Provisions in original bill related to a different program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes provisions in bill related to the Restoration and Enhancement Program.

BACKGROUND: In 1993, the Legislative Assembly created the Access and Habitat Program and adopted a surcharge on hunting and combination licenses to fund the program. The Access and Habitat Program funds habitat improvement projects; increases public hunting access on private lands; and creates working partnerships between landowners, hunters and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. An Access and Habitat Board, made up of landowner and hunter representatives along with one at-large member, reviews projects and makes recommendations for funding to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. The last statutory change placed a \$2 surcharge on resident and non-resident licenses and a \$1 surcharge on juvenile licenses. The current license surcharges sunset on December 31, 2009. House Bill 2218A increases the surcharge from \$2 to \$4 for resident and non-resident licenses and extends the sunset on all surcharges for 10 years to December 31, 2019.

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