

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 4 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: Dingfelder
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Meeting Dates: 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) from criminal charges if, in the scope of employment, the employee possesses or discharges a firearm during a lawful taking of wildlife.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently, USDA wildlife officers may not be exempt from the prohibition not to discharge a firearm within a city or county limit. HB 2636A is meant to increase efficiency by not requiring multiple, local first-responders to be removed from other duties to address limited situations involving the lawful taking of wildlife that could potentially be resolved by a USDA employee, while also protecting the USDA employee from a potential criminal charge