

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 3 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Kruse, Morse, Monnes Anderson
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Exc.: Bates, Morrisette
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Meeting Dates: 2/17, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue a shellfish license to veterans at no charge with written proof of veteran status, and shows person to be at least 25 percent disabled.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Determining percent of disability to qualify for free shellfish license
- Consistent with angling license statute
- Number of veterans who currently have a shellfish license

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: All persons 14 years or older must have in possession a valid Oregon shellfish license to take any shellfish for personal use. Currently, ORS 497.121 authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue an angling license to a resident war veteran at no charge. SB 400 would add shellfish license to this statute at no charge for the veteran. The veteran must provide the Commission with written proof that the last official certification of record by the United State Department of Veterans Affairs or by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, and shows the person to be at least 25 percent disabled.