

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
Nays: -
Exc.: -
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Meeting Dates: 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows court discretion to order revocation of licenses, tags and permits issued to persons conviction of violations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The hunting and fishing community contribute to the preservation of hunting and fishing activities by participating in licensing and permitting processes. House Bill 3089 (2009) was enacted and blended multiple measures for the purpose of strengthening penalties for unlawful activities, allowing for the acquisition of easements, and codifying Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission’s (ODFW) discretion to give hunting permit preference points to those with pioneer hunting licenses. It also expanded the definition of “game mammal” to include the gray wolf as a special status mammal defined by ODFW rule.

An error was discovered shortly after HB 3089 was enrolled, which required courts to revoke licenses for three years for even minor violations. House Bill 3708 restores the court’s discretion to sentence in proportion to the individual conduct and circumstances of each violation.