75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2125 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER:

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and

Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 6 - 2 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Schaufler, Clem, Jenson

Nays: Johnson, Sprenger

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/11, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to adopt rule imposing license renewal surcharge of no more than \$25 on any hunter who fails to report harvest and effort for previous hunting season.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to educate hunters about the need to follow reporting requirements
- Importance to game management of reporting harvest and effort by hunters
- Current level on compliance with reporting requirements
- Expenditures required for ODFW staff to conduct phone surveys of hunters to learn of harvest and effort

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Imposes a limit of \$25 on surcharge penalties for hunters who fail to report harvest and effort for previous hunting season.

BACKGROUND: Beginning in 2008, ODFW adopted rules requiring licensed hunters to provide a report of their hunting activities to the department. Under current law, there is no penalty in place for non-compliance. House Bill 2125 A would authorize ODFW to adopt a rule imposing a license renewal surcharge of no more than \$25 on hunters who fail to report.