

76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Rules

MEASURE: HB 2998 A
CARRIER: Rep. Krieger
Rep. Barker

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed |
| Vote: | 8 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Barnhart, Berger, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Hunt, Olson |
| Nays: | - |
| Exc.: | - |
| Prepared By: | Jim Stenbridge, Administrator |
| Meeting Dates: | 2/11, 3/30 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires employees of the Fish and Wildlife Commission who issue Commission licenses, tags, or permits to offer voter registration cards whenever individuals apply for licenses, tags, or permits.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relationship of voter registration efforts with the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
- Access to voter registration
- Opportunities to demonstrate civic involvement
- Number of agents selling Commission licenses, tags, or permits

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes requirement that Commission develop a combined application form to include voter registration. Deletes requirement that agents of the Commission offer voter registration along with Commission licenses, tags and permits. Retains requirement that Commission employees offer voter registration cards to applicants for licenses, tags, and permits.

BACKGROUND: Voter registration is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State and County Clerks. The Secretary of State has, by administrative rule, designated the following Voter Registration Agencies:

- Armed Forces recruitment offices operated by the U.S. Department of Defense;
- Commission for the Blind;
- Community Human Services, which includes the former Adult and Family Services Division, Senior and Disabled Services Division, and Vocational Rehabilitation Division;
- Health Services which includes the former Oregon Health Division WIC Programs, Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services Division, Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, and the Office of Medical Assistance Programs;
- Oregon Department of Transportation; and the
- Oregon University System.

The Secretary of State also maintains an on-line voter registration system.

Under current law (ORS 247.017), Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices of the Oregon Department of Transportation are required to offer voter registration to persons who apply for issuance or renewal of an Oregon driver's license or state identification card. House Bill 2998-A requires Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission employees to offer voter registration cards to applicants for Commission licenses, tags, or permits.

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