

# House Bill 2126

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule to authorize issuance of free tags to hunt antelope, deer and elk to provide incentive to increase compliance with certain reporting requirements.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to hunting tags; amending ORS 497.112.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 497.112 is amended to read:

5 497.112. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission is authorized to issue, upon application, to  
6 persons desiring to hunt wildlife the following general tags and shall charge therefor the following  
7 fees:

8 (a) Resident annual elk tag to hunt elk, \$40.50.

9 (b) Nonresident annual elk tag to hunt elk, \$498.50.

10 (c) Special annual elk tag for holders of pioneer or disabled veteran hunting licenses to hunt  
11 elk, one-half the fee imposed under paragraph (a) of this subsection for a resident annual elk tag to  
12 hunt elk.

13 (d) Resident annual deer tag to hunt deer, \$22.50.

14 (e) Nonresident annual deer tag to hunt deer, \$373.50.

15 (f) Resident annual black bear tag to hunt black bear, \$12.50.

16 (g) Nonresident annual black bear tag to hunt black bear, \$180.50.

17 (h) Resident annual mountain sheep tag to hunt mountain sheep, \$120.50.

18 (i) Nonresident annual mountain sheep tag to hunt mountain sheep, \$1,298.50.

19 (j) Resident annual mountain goat tag to hunt mountain goat, \$120.50.

20 (k) Nonresident annual mountain goat tag to hunt mountain goat, \$1,298.50.

21 (L) Resident annual cougar tag to hunt cougar, \$12.50.

22 (m) Nonresident annual cougar tag to hunt cougar, \$12.50.

23 (n) Resident annual antelope tag to hunt antelope, \$42.50.

24 (o) Nonresident annual antelope tag to hunt antelope, \$331.50.

25 (p) Resident annual turkey tag to hunt turkeys, \$20.50.

26 (q) Resident annual juvenile turkey tag to hunt turkeys, \$8.50.

27 (r) Nonresident annual juvenile turkey tag to hunt turkeys, \$8.50.

28 (s) Nonresident annual turkey tag to hunt turkeys, \$75.50.

29 (t) Outfitter and guide annual deer tag to hunt deer, \$495.25.

30 (u) Outfitter and guide annual elk tag to hunt elk, \$731.75.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (2)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 496.146 (10), the commission is authorized to issue each year one  
 2 special tag that is auctioned to the highest bidder in a manner prescribed by the commission for  
 3 each of the following:

- 4 (A) Mountain sheep;
- 5 (B) Antelope; and
- 6 (C) Mountain goat.

7 (b) In addition to the tags referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the commission is au-  
 8 thorized to issue each year one special tag that is raffled in a manner prescribed by the commission  
 9 for each of the following:

- 10 (A) Mountain sheep;
- 11 (B) Antelope; and
- 12 (C) Mountain goat.

13 (c) Moneys received under this subsection for:

14 (A) Mountain sheep tags shall be placed in the Mountain Sheep Subaccount established in ORS  
 15 496.303;

16 (B) Antelope tags shall be placed in the Antelope Subaccount established in ORS 496.303; and

17 (C) Mountain goat tags shall be placed in the Mountain Goat Subaccount established in ORS  
 18 496.303.

19 (d) Notwithstanding ORS 496.146 (10), the commission, upon the recommendation of the Access  
 20 and Habitat Board to fulfill the board's charge of providing incentives to increase public access and  
 21 habitat improvements to private land, is authorized to issue each year up to 10 elk and 10 deer tags  
 22 to hunt deer or elk. The tags shall be auctioned or raffled to the highest bidder in a manner pre-  
 23 scribed by the commission. The Access and Habitat Board, in recommending any tags, shall include  
 24 a proposal as to the land on which each tag can be used and a percentage of funds received from  
 25 the tags that may revert to the landowner if the tag is limited to private land. However, the per-  
 26 centage cannot be more than 50 percent and the programs must, by written agreement, provide for  
 27 public access and habitat improvements.

28 (3) The tags referred to in subsection (1) of this section are in addition to and not in lieu of the  
 29 hunting licenses required by law.

30 (4) The commission may, at the time of issue only, indorse upon the tags referred to in sub-  
 31 section (1) of this section an appropriate designation indicating whether it is for a game animal to  
 32 be taken with bow and arrow or with firearms, at the choice of the applicant. The commission may  
 33 prescribe by rule that the holder of such a tag is not authorized to take the game animal by any  
 34 other means than the tag so indorsed.

35 (5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, a person is not eligible to obtain, in a  
 36 lifetime, more than one controlled hunt tag issued by the commission to hunt mountain sheep and  
 37 one controlled hunt tag issued by the commission to hunt mountain goat.

38 (6) A person is eligible to obtain mountain sheep tags, antelope tags or mountain goat tags de-  
 39 scribed in subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section, regardless of whether the person has previously  
 40 taken a mountain sheep, antelope or mountain goat or previously obtained a mountain sheep tag,  
 41 antelope tag or mountain goat tag issued pursuant to subsection (1) or (2)(a) or (b) of this section.

42 (7) The number of nonresident mountain goat tags and nonresident mountain sheep tags shall  
 43 be decided by the commission, but:

44 (a) The number of nonresident mountain goat tags may not be less than five percent nor more  
 45 than 10 percent of all mountain goat tags issued.

1 (b) The number of nonresident mountain sheep tags may not be less than five percent nor more  
 2 than 10 percent of all mountain sheep tags issued.

3 (8) The number of tags issued by drawing under subsection (1)(g), (m) and (o) of this section shall  
 4 be decided by the commission, but for each class of tag so issued, the number may not be more than  
 5 three percent of all tags of that class issued for hunting in a particular area except one nonresident  
 6 tag may be issued for each hunt when the number of authorized tags is less than 35. The number  
 7 of tags issued under subsection (1)(g) of this section for the general hunting season may be decided  
 8 by the commission, but the number may not be more than three percent of all tags issued the pre-  
 9 vious year for hunting in a particular area.

10 (9) The number of tags issued by drawing under subsection (1)(b) and (e) of this section shall  
 11 be decided by the commission, but for each class of tag so issued, the number may not be more than  
 12 five percent of all tags of that class issued for hunting in a particular area except one nonresident  
 13 tag may be issued for each hunt when the number of authorized tags is fewer than 35. The com-  
 14 mission shall set the percentage by rule each year after holding a public hearing.

15 (10) If a controlled hunt for game mammals is undersubscribed during the primary controlled  
 16 hunt drawing, the commission may issue the unallocated tags to licensed hunters at up to four times  
 17 the standard tag fee on a first-come, first-served basis. This controlled hunt tag program shall be in  
 18 addition to and not replace any existing controlled hunt tag program.

19 **(11) The commission by rule may authorize the issuance of free tags to hunt antelope,**  
 20 **deer and elk to provide an incentive to increase compliance with mandatory hunting report-**  
 21 **ing requirements.**

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