

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to study treating uniformed service members as residents for recreational licensing purposes and report to Legislature by September 15, 2016. Sunsets January 2, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: The Legislative Assembly regularly introduces measures to offer lower-cost or free hunting and/or fishing licenses to service members. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is supportive, but licensure is a critical funding mechanism, and offering licenses for free can put some federal funds at risk. Senate Bill 779 requires ODFW to study how it might accomplish lower-cost and/or free hunting and fishing licenses for service members and report to the Legislature.