

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/14/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/14

**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen, President Courtney

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to study treating uniformed servicemembers as residents for recreational licensing purposes and report to Legislature by September 15, 2016. Sunsets January 2, 2016.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Repeated attempts by legislature to modify recreational licenses for servicemembers
- Budget issues created for ODFW

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Legislative Assembly regularly introduces measures to offer lower-cost or free hunting and/or fishing licenses to servicemembers. 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 servicemembers and report to the Legislature.