

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

MEASURE: SB 779
CARRIER: Rep. Esquivel

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/26/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/07, 05/26

Vote:

Yeas: 7 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Huffman, Lively, Parrish, Piluso

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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:

- Free licenses may jeopardize federal funds
- Minimum fee threshold for maintaining federal support

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly recurrently introduces measures to offer reduced-cost or free hunting and/or fishing licenses to active service members. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is supportive, but licensure is a significant 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.