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Trout Unlimited opposition to HB 3040

Chair Clem and Committee members-

I am Tom Wolf, here representing Trout Unlimited, the nation's largest cold-water conservation group. Trout Unlimited's 3200 members within Oregon, work very hard on restoration projects, with kids and in advocacy to protect our native fish and the watersheds they reside in.

I am here today to state Trout Unlimited's opposition to HB 3040. This bill would create a different license fee level for people who live outside the state but pay Oregon state income. There are several reasons we disagree with this bill.

1. This bill would make Oregon fishing/hunting license fees more complicate and add more to the form used.
2. This bill could make enforcement more complicated for fish and wildlife enforcement officers in Oregon.
3. This will be a reward, in a sense, for people to live outside Oregon(Vancouver) yet work in Oregon. They already get the benefit of both states-lower property tax in Washington and no state tax and no sales tax in Oregon. Why should they be further rewarded by paying a lower fishing/hunting licenses than other non-residents).
4. To change the license fee form would mean extra costs that will be unnecessary reduction of ODFW budget.
5. It isd unclear as to why this bill is needed.

Trout Unlimited feels that HB 3040 is unnecessary and brings too many complications. TU urges that this bill not be allowed to pass out of this committee.