

HB 3040 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to implement fee schedule by January 1, 2019 for hunting and fishing licenses for individuals who are not residents but who pay Oregon income taxes. Authorizes Commission to charge such individuals higher fees than Oregon residents but lower fees than residents of another state who do not pay Oregon state income taxes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission fee schedule prescribed by law for the issuance of a license, tag or permit includes one set of fees for Oregon residents and a higher set of fees for nonresidents. Residents are defined as people who have resided in Oregon for at least six consecutive months immediately prior to the date of application, except for temporary absence. Additionally, resident members of the uniformed services, their spouses and dependent children are treated as residents for licensing purposes.

House Bill 3040 would direct the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt a third schedule of fees for hunting and fishing licenses, which would be higher than resident fees but lower than nonresident fees, for nonresidents who pay Oregon state income taxes. The bill would require the new schedule of fees to be in place no later than January 1, 2019.