

HB 2566 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Carrier: Rep. Witt

Action Date: 04/04/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 9-0-0-0
Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Power, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases age limit for youth participating in hunter mentoring program from 14 years of age to 16 years of age.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Explanation of youth hunter mentoring program
- Surveys requesting more youth participation
- Hunter safety course in addition to mentoring program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure. Increases age limit for youth participating in hunter mentoring program from 14 years of age to 16 years of age.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) requires youth under 18 years old to successfully complete an approved course on the safe handling of hunting weapons to be authorized to hunt wildlife. An alternative to completing the course is available for youth aged nine to 14 years, requiring them to take part in a youth hunter mentoring program and supervised hunt.

House Bill 2566A would increase the age limit for youth participating in the hunter mentoring program through the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department from 14 years of age to 16 years of age.