

**Corrected**

**HB 2030 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Barreto

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 04/11/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Barreto, Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Power, Smith DB, Sprenger

**Exc:** 1 - Witt

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Removes stipulation that number of non-resident tags issued for black bear for general hunting season must be less than three percent of all tags issued previous year. Maintains three percent cap on black bear non-resident tags issued by drawing. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Overview of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife hunting tags
- Black bear population estimates
- Removal of cap on non-resident black bear tags for certain hunts

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

In Oregon, there are controlled hunts for black bears during spring (early or mid-April to late May) and a general hunting season during fall (August to November in eastern Oregon and August to December in western Oregon). The Oregon Black Bear Management Plan requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to monitor bear mortalities to ensure sustainable harvest. Recent data indicate that the current bear populations across the state are stable or growing.

House Bill 2030A would remove the requirement that the number of non-resident, general season tags issued by drawing for black bear must be less than three percent of all black bear tags issued the previous year for hunting in a particular area.