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House Bill 2070

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The Department appreciates the opportunity to discuss House Bill 2070 with you today. House Bill 2070 authorizes the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to:

- Continue to accept payment for any products and services by credit card,
- The Department can collect additional fee for customer purchases made by credit card,
- Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission agent that is not county clerk or Department employee to retain fees for miscellaneous services authorized by contract between agent and Department (e.g. collecting mandatory reporting information),
- Replaces requirement that the State Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt system for renewal of certain licenses through mail and through World Wide Web with authorization to adopt system using mail or World Wide Web

HB 2070 will enable the Department to provide additional payment channels to customers. It will also authorize the agency to collect an additional fee for customer purchases by credit card. This fee will help offset costs that the Department incurs due to credit card sales (e.g. merchant card fees). Additionally, the Department will be able to provide to agents fees for miscellaneous services (e.g. mandatory hunter reporting data collection).

Last, with the launch of the new ODFW Electronic Licensing System the flexibility to provide renewal by mail or World Wide Web maintains our commitment for reducing costs, and implementing a modern system to support the sale of licenses, tags, and permits as well as the management, process and logic of controlled hunts.

The Department additionally asked for modifications to the requirement under ORS 497.032 that mandates the agency charge a duplicate fee as prescribed in statute. The Department would like more flexibility in determining when to charge recovery costs for processing duplicate items and in setting the appropriate recovery costs, especially as the licensing system moves toward more electronic, self-service application. The Department will pursue this request through an amendment to HB 2070.

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