

HB 2293 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends residency requirements for purposes of licenses, tags, and permits related to taking wildlife. Defines resident as person who has physically resided in this state for no less than six consecutive months immediately prior to application submission. Removes exemption for temporary absence relating to residency requirements. Excludes persons who own property in the state but do not reside in the state from residency related to wildlife licenses, tags, and permits.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Excludes persons who claim resident privileges in another state or country from Oregon residency for the purposes of licenses, tags, and permits.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offers hunting licenses, tags, and permits to both Oregon residents and nonresidents. The price of resident hunting licenses, tags, and permits is typically less than the equivalent licenses, tags, and permits for a nonresident. For example, in 2019, the cost of a resident annual hunting license is \$33.50 while a nonresident annual hunting licenses costs \$167.

Currently, residency related to wildlife licenses, tags, and permits requires that a person reside in the state for at least six consecutive months prior to the date of application, and allows for a person to be temporarily absent from the state.

House Bill 2293 would change the definition of resident related to taking wildlife, remove the temporary absence exemption, and exclude persons who own property in the state but do not reside in the state from being defined as a resident for the purpose of obtaining wildlife licenses, tags, and permits.