

HB 2070 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to accept payment by credit card for products or services. Authorizes ODFW to establish reasonable fee to offset financial institution fees for credit card transactions. Requires Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to establish fee by rule. Authorizes agents, other than county clerks or ODFW employees, to retain \$1 for providing services specified by contract between the agent and department. Establishes Commission process for establishing replacement fees for lost, destroyed, or stolen licenses, tags, or permits. Authorizes Commission to require holder of lost, destroyed, or stolen licenses, tags, or permits to attest to an agent of Commission. Replaces requirement that Commission adopt system for license renewal through mail and World Wide Web with discretionary authorization to adopt a system through mail or World Wide Web.

Indeterminate fiscal impact; no revenue impact

House vote: Ayes, 58; Excused for Business of the House, 2--Sanchez, Speaker Kotek

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) cannot pass on credit card surcharge fees associated with sales transactions to the customer. Other agencies, such as the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Revenue, may add a surcharge to a total amount to offset fees. ORS 497.022 allows agents to retain \$1 "for any other license, tag, or permit as may be specified by contract," \$2.50 for each resident license, and \$7.50 for each nonresident license. House Bill 2070-A would authorize ODFW to accept payment by credit card, establish a fee to offset costs of credit card transactions, and allow contracted agents to retain a portion of fees for other provided services.

In 2001, the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3099, which directed the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt a system for renewing licenses through both the mail and the World Wide Web. House Bill 2070-A would allow but not require ODFW to use mail or the World Wide Web for the license renewal system.