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House Bill 2070 A

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The department appreciates the opportunity to discuss House Bill 2070 A with you today. House Bill 2070 A authorizes the department to:

- Collect an additional fee for customer purchases made by credit card;
- Allows 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 the department (e.g. incentive fee to collect mandatory reporting information);
- Reduce the cost for duplicate licenses; and
- Replaces requirement that the State Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt system for renewal of certain licenses through mail with authorization to adopt a system with a mail component.

With the launch of the new ODFW Electronic Licensing System many of these changes are critical to fully implementing the system.

HB 2070 A will 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).

The department will be able to provide to agents fees for miscellaneous services, for example conducting mandatory hunter reporting data collection.

HB 2070 A also provides 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.

Last, 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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