

HB 2069 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Barreto

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 02/12/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Witt

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes requirement that Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission issue unallocated game mammal hunting tags in order requested.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Unallocated elk hunts
- Prioritization of people who have not previously drawn a controlled hunt tag
- Types and locations of leftover tags
- Youth tags

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Hunters have an opportunity to obtain a tag for big game species several ways: general season, lottery, auction, and controlled hunt draws. Under current law, if a controlled hunt for game mammals is under-subscribed during the primary hunt drawing, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission may issue the unallocated tags to licensed hunters at up to four times the standard tag fee on a first-come, first-served basis.

House Bill 2069 would remove the requirement that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission issue unallocated game mammal hunting tags on a first-come, first-served basis.