

HB 2068 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Witt

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 03/05/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/12, 3/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases percentage of nonresident tags issued by drawing for hunting of black bear and cougar from a maximum of three to five percent of total tags.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Simplification of nonresident tag process
- No reserved nonresident tags
- Previous nonresident tag draw
- Limited antelope tags

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes nonresident antelope tags from the classes of tags subject to the three to five percent increase.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) caps nonresident tags for bear, cougar, and antelope at three percent, and both elk and deer at five percent issued by drawing. According to ODFW, in 2018 two percent of spring bear and antelope hunt tags were drawn at random by nonresidents in 2018.

House Bill 2068 A would increase the percentage of nonresident tags issued by drawing for hunting of black bear and cougar from a maximum of three to five percent of total tags.