

HB 2293 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Sprenger

House Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 03/21/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-2-0

Yeas: 5 - Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger

Exc: 2 - Barreto, Witt

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/26, 3/21

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirement for residency tested in court
- Temporary residency loop-hole

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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

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 license 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 2293A would change the definition of "resident" for purposes of issuing hunting licenses, tags, and permits.