

Senate Bill 301

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to consider elk overpopulation when implementing the Oregon Landowner Damage Program. Removes sunset on program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to landowner damage tags; amending section 3, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013; and re-
3 pealing section 5, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the State Department of Fish
7 and Wildlife shall create and implement an Oregon Landowner Damage Program that:

8 (1) Addresses damage caused by elk on privately owned lands in Oregon.

9 (2) Provides landowner damage tags only for areas where elk are currently causing damage,
10 where there has been a history of elk damage coupled with actions to alleviate elk damage or where
11 the department has designated the area as an elk deemphasis area.

12 **(3) Considers elk overpopulation.**

13 [(3)] **(4)** [*Limits the use of damage tags to taking*] **Authorizes a person to use a landowner**
14 **damage tag to take only an antlerless elk.**

15 [(4)] **(5)** [*Limits the use of damage tags to taking*] **Authorizes a person to use a landowner**
16 **damage tag to take an** elk on property owned, leased or rented by the [*landowner*] **person** com-
17 plaining of elk damage or on property owned, leased or rented by a business entity that includes the
18 [*landowner*] **person** as a principal partner or shareholder.

19 [(5)] **(6)** Allows exchange of unused general season elk tags or controlled hunt elk tags for
20 landowner damage tags.

21 [(6)] **(7)** Does not impose a limit on the number of [*total*] **landowner** damage tags available for
22 each [*landowner*] **person**, except that no more than five **landowner** damage tags may be valid at
23 any one time.

24 [(7)] **(8)** Does not impose a minimum acreage requirement for [*landowner*] participation.

25 [(8)] **(9)** Allows [*landowners*] **a person** to register for participation in the program at any time
26 prior to the issuance of **landowner** damage tags.

27 [(9)] **(10)** Establishes a \$30 fee for [*landowners*] **a person** to register for participation in the
28 program.

29 [(10)] **(11)** Establishes a \$15 fee for [*landowners*] **a person** to modify the [*landowner's*] **person's**
30 **landowner** damage tag distribution.

31 [(11)] **(12)** Authorizes department biologists to sell and exchange **landowner** damage tags.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 [(12)] **(13)** Authorizes department biologists to establish the period of validity for **landowner**
2 damage tags through negotiation with [*landowners*] **affected persons**.

3 [(13)] **(14)** Requires [*landowners*] **a person who uses a landowner damage tag** to record the
4 number of elk taken and, within 10 days after the end of a designated hunt period, to report to the
5 local department biologist the number of elk taken.

6 **SECTION 2. Section 5, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, is repealed.**

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