

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 301**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 31 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

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

5 **“Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the
6 State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall create and implement an Oregon
7 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 cur-
10 rently causing damage, where there has been a history of elk damage coupled
11 with actions to alleviate elk damage or where the department has designated
12 the area as an elk deemphasis area.

13 **“(3) Considers elk overpopulation.**

14 “[3] (4) Limits the use of damage tags to taking antlerless elk.

15 “[4] (5) Limits the use of damage tags to taking elk on property owned,
16 leased or rented by the landowner complaining of elk damage or on property
17 owned, leased or rented by a business entity that includes the landowner as
18 a principal partner or shareholder.

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

21 “[6] (7) Does not impose a limit on the number of total damage tags

1 available for each landowner, except that no more than five damage tags may
2 be valid at any one time.

3 “[7] (8) Does not impose a minimum acreage requirement for landowner
4 participation.

5 “[8] (9) Allows landowners to register for participation in the program
6 at any time prior to the issuance of damage tags.

7 “[9] (10) Establishes a \$30 fee for landowners to register for partic-
8 ipation in the program.

9 “[10] (11) Establishes a \$15 fee for landowners to modify the landowner’s
10 damage tag distribution.

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

13 “[12] (13) Authorizes department biologists to establish the period of
14 validity for damage tags through negotiation with landowners.

15 “[13] (14) Requires landowners to record the number of elk taken and,
16 within 10 days after the end of a designated hunt period, to report to the
17 local department biologist the number of elk taken.

18 **“SECTION 2. Section 5, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, is**
19 **repealed.”**

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