

HB 4052 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On General Government and Emergency Preparedness

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Refines definition of "resident" for purposes of statutes governing wildlife licenses, tags, and permits: requires physical presence in the state; allows temporary absences from the state to be considered when residency determinations are made and excludes persons that merely own real property, that merely pay property taxes, or that claim residency elsewhere.

House Committee: unanimous.

House Floor: 59-0, 1 excused.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) issues hunting licenses, tags, and permits, and like most states, typically offers the lowest prices to state residents. For example, in 2019, the cost of an annual hunting license for an Oregon resident was \$33.50, while a nonresident annual hunting license cost \$167.

The definition of "resident" that currently applies, requires applicants to have "resided in the state for at least six consecutive months" prior to applying, and prohibits ODFW from considering an applicant's temporary absence, unless is to establish residency elsewhere.

House Bill 4052 changes the definition of resident to allow ODFW to consider temporary absences when making residency determinations; requires applicant's to be *physically* present in the state for at least six months; and excludes those who merely own property, pay property taxes, or claim residency elsewhere.