HB 2067 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Post

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Action Date:	03/11/21
Action:	Do pass and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
Vote:	10-0-0
Yeas:	10 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Hudson, Marsh, McLain, Post, Reardon, Smith DB, Williams,
	Witt
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	Revenue impact issued
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Meeting Dates:	1/26, 3/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission to charge fees for hunting, angling, and shellfish licenses, tags, and permits that are less than the amount established in the statutory fee schedule. Makes changes to angling and shellfish licenses including: elimination of the one-day angling license; fee schedule reduction for maximum current and future one-day angling and shellfish license from \$32.50 to \$23.00; deletion of partial dedications of one-day angling license fee for fish restoration and enhancement programs and the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund; and temporary partial dedication of one-day angling and shellfish license fee to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impacts of the promotional discount on ODFW's revenue
- Impacts in other states that have reduced fees
- Research needs to assess customer's sensitivity to change in fees
- Potential of incentivizing outdoor access during COVID-19 pandemic

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Fish and Wildlife Commission is authorized to issue, to persons desiring to angle for fish or take shellfish, licenses and tags upon payment of applicable fees as required under the fee schedule in ORS 497.061. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has identified, as part of recruiting, retaining, and reactivating anglers and hunters, that it would be useful to be able to offer discounted licenses or special cost incentives to encourage participation.

House Bill 2067 would allow the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to charge fees for hunting, angling, and shellfish licenses, tags, and permits that are less than the amount established in the statutory fee schedule, and would make certain changes to angling and shellfish licenses.