

SB 792 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Action Date: 03/31/21

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Golden, Kennemer, Patterson, Prozanski

Nays: 1 - Heard

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/22, 3/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Excludes from disclosure as a public record personally identifiable information about a child under the age of 16 that is submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Commission or an agent of the Commission to obtain a license, tag, or permit under the wildlife laws. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Public records request for a list of all persons who have applied for a license, tag, or permit would include name, age, and gender of children
- Agency not currently permitted to withhold information
- Department of Motor Vehicles information is available at age 16

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, as elsewhere, government records are available to the public unless they are exempt from disclosure. Each public body in Oregon maintains its own records and handles requests for access. They are required to have a process, available in writing, for those seeking access to request a copy of the records or an opportunity to inspect them. Public bodies are also required to respond in a reasonable amount of time and may recover costs associated with satisfying the request.

Senate Bill 792 would exclude from disclosure as a public record any personally identifiable information about a child under the age of 16 that is submitted to obtain a license, tag, or permit under the wildlife laws.