

**HB 2068 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Kennemer

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery**

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**Action Date:** 05/19/21

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**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:** 4/26, 5/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Extends the provisions related to the issuance and use of landowner preference tags for hunting deer, elk, or antelope until January 2, 2026.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of Landowner Preference program
- Contribution of private landowners to wildlife habitat
- Donation of tags for raffles to support nonprofit organizations

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Extends sunset on landowner preference program until January 2, 2026.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Landowner Preference (LOP) program is a hunting program for landowners that was established in recognition of the role that private lands play in supporting wildlife. Deer, elk, or antelope tags are available to landowners and their family members, based on the acreage owned, and are restricted to use on the property for which they are registered. The program does not require landowners to be successful in the controlled hunt draw for the unit in which their property resides. LOP tags for the hunting of deer or elk are transferable to any person of the landowner's choosing, whereas LOP tags for the hunting of antelope are not transferable. The LOP program is scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2022.

House Bill 2068 A would extend the sunset on provisions regarding issuance and use of landowner preference tags for hunting wildlife until January 2, 2026.