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House Bill 2068

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[*Makes*] **Extends sunset on** provisions regarding issuance and use of landowner preference tags for hunting wildlife [*permanent*] **to January 2, 2026.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to landowner preference tags for hunting wildlife; amending section 2, chapter 460, Oregon
3 Laws 1995; and repealing section 2, chapter 460, Oregon Laws 1995.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 460, Oregon Laws 1995, as amended by section 1, chapter 227,
6 Oregon Laws 2001, section 1, chapter 349, Oregon Laws 2009, section 2a, chapter 832, Oregon Laws
7 2009, section 1, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, and section 10, chapter 779, Oregon Laws 2015, is
8 amended to read:

9 **Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, [*during the period beginning*
10 *January 1, 1996, and ending January 2, 2022,*] the following provisions apply with regard to the is-
11 suance and use of landowner preference tags referred to in ORS 496.146 (4):

12 (1) Landowner preference tags shall be issued for the hunting of deer, elk or antelope.

13 (2) Landowner preference tags may be used only for hunting on the landowner's property.

14 (3) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, landowner preference tags for the hunting of deer
15 or elk may be transferred to any person of the landowner's choosing and shall be used for the taking
16 of antlerless animals.

17 (4) Landowner preference tags for the hunting of antelope are not transferable and may not be
18 used for the taking of buck antelope.

19 (5) Each landowner preference tag for the hunting of deer may be used to take two antlerless
20 animals before, during or after the hunting season for which the tags are valid for the purpose of
21 alleviating damage that is presently occurring to the landowner's property, in accordance with such
22 rules as the State Fish and Wildlife Commission may adopt.

23 (6) Landowner preference tags for the hunting of deer or elk may be transferred to a person of
24 the landowner's choosing as follows:

25 (a) A landowner who is issued only one tag may not transfer that tag.

26 (b) A landowner who is issued two or more tags may transfer not more than 50 percent of the
27 tags to a person who is not an immediate family member, as defined in ORS 496.146 (4). If the cal-
28 culation of the number of tags eligible for transfer under the provisions of this paragraph results in

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1 a fraction, the commission shall round up the number of tags to the next whole number.

2 (7)(a) As specified pursuant to a formula determined by the commission by rule, the number of
3 landowner preference tags issued for mule deer must be based upon the management, research and
4 habitat needs set forth in the wildlife management plan for mule deer.

5 (b) If the population of mule deer in a wildlife management unit is greater than the goal speci-
6 fied in the wildlife management plan for mule deer, a landowner who is issued a landowner prefer-
7 ence tag is eligible, pursuant to criteria established by rule of the commission, for the number of
8 tags that corresponds to the number of acres that landowner has registered with the State Depart-
9 ment of Fish and Wildlife for participation in the program.

10 (c) The commission may specify by rule a formula for determining the number of landowner
11 preference tags that are available for controlled hunts for mule deer in a wildlife management unit
12 in which the population of mule deer is less than the goal specified for that wildlife management
13 unit in the wildlife management plan for mule deer.

14 (8) Landowners shall pay the applicable fee under [*the fee schedule in section 2 of this 2015*
15 *Act*] **ORS 497.061** to register for participation in the program.

16 (9) A landowner shall pay the applicable fee under [*the fee schedule in section 2 of this 2015*
17 *Act*] **ORS 497.061** to modify the landowner's tag distribution.

18 **SECTION 2. Section 2, chapter 460, Oregon Laws 1995, as amended by section 1, chapter**
19 **227, Oregon Laws 2001, section 1, chapter 349, Oregon Laws 2009, section 2a, chapter 832,**
20 **Oregon Laws 2009, section 1, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, and section 10, chapter 779,**
21 **Oregon Laws 2015, and section 1 of this 2021 Act, is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

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