

## OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

## Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage

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Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs Re: SB 687

Chair Manning Jr, Vice-chair Thatcher, Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is Oregon's largest state-centric hunter conservation organization, representing 10,000 sportsmen and women throughout 26 chapters in the state. Our mission statement is 'to protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage' and we have a strong history of advocating for science-based wildlife management.

OHA is in support of SB 687 and the benefits it would provide to disable veterans. Waiving the six month residency requirement for disabled veterans allows for ease of use and the ability to embrace one of our most important outdoor activities.

OHA urges the committee's support for SB 687

Thank you,

Amy Patrick Policy Director