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Senate Bill 240

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to Southwest Oregon Landowner Preference Pilot Program; amending section 1, chapter 461, Oregon Laws 2003.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 461, Oregon Laws 2003, is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall create and implement a Southwest Oregon Landowner Preference Pilot Program during the period beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, [2008,] **2014**, that:

- (1) Addresses damage caused by elk on privately owned lands in Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties.
- (2) Provides landowner preference tags only for areas where elk are currently causing damage, where there has been a history of elk damage coupled with actions to alleviate elk damage or where the department has designated the area as an elk deemphasis area.
- (3) Limits the use of tags to taking antlerless elk.
- (4) Limits the use of tags to taking elk on property owned, leased or rented by the landowner complaining of elk damage or on property owned, leased or rented by a business entity that includes the landowner as a principal partner or shareholder.
- (5) Allows exchange of unused general season elk tags or controlled hunt elk tags for landowner preference tags.
- (6) Does not impose a limit on the number of total tags available for each property, except that no more than five tags may be valid at any one time on a particular property.
- (7) Does not impose a minimum acreage requirement for landowner participation.
- (8) Allows landowners to register for participation in the program at any time prior to the issuance of tags.
- (9) Authorizes department biologists to sell and exchange tags.
- (10) Authorizes department biologists to establish the period of validity for tags through negotiation with landowners.
- (11) Requires landowners to record the number of elk taken and, within 10 days after the end of a designated hunt period, to report to the local department biologist the number of elk taken.

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Secretary of Senate

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President of Senate

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