

## **HB 2070 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Natural Resources**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to accept payment by credit card for products or services. Authorizes Department to establish fee reasonably calculated to offset cost of credit card transactions. Requires Commission to establish fee by rule. Authorizes Oregon Fish and Wildlife agent, other than county clerks or department employees, to retain \$1 for providing services as specified by contract between agent and department.

Replaces requirement that commission adopt system for license renewal through mail and World Wide Web with authorization to adopt a system through mail or World Wide Web.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Amends commission process for establishing replacement fees for lost, destroyed or stolen licenses, tags or permits. Authorizes commission to require holder of lost, destroyed or stolen licenses, tags or permits attest to agent of commission.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Under current law, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife can not pass on credit card surcharge fees associated with sales transactions to the customer. Other agencies, such as the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Revenue may add a surcharge to a total amount to offset fees. Oregon statute allows agents to retain \$1 "for any other license, tag or permit as may be specified by contract," \$2.50 for each resident licenses, and \$7.50 for each nonresident license. There is no further incentive to agents that sell licensing items to collect additional information such as email addresses and harvest success. House Bill 2070 authorizes the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to accept payment by credit card, establish a fee to offset costs of credit card transactions, and allows contracted agents to retain a portion of fees for providing authorized services.

In 2001, the Oregon State Legislature enacted House Bill 3099, which established that the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall adopt a system for renewing licenses through the mail and the World Wide Web. House Bill 2070 authorizes the department to use mail or the World Wide Web for the license removal system.