

HB 2923 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes resident status for purpose of purchasing licenses, tags, or permits issued by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for persons who pay out-of-state tuition at an Oregon institution of higher education within 12 months prior to purchase of license, tag, or permit; or to persons who present an Oregon tax return submitted within 12 months prior to purchasing a license, tag, or permit.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Requires Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) charge resident fee for license, tag, or permit to persons who pay out-of-state tuition at an Oregon institution of higher education within 12 months prior to purchase, or to persons who present Oregon tax return satisfying state income tax liability within 12 months prior to purchase. Clarifies that qualification for resident license, tag, or permit fee does not qualify person as resident for any purpose under wildlife laws.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offers hunting licenses, tags, and permits to both Oregon residents and nonresidents. The price of resident hunting licenses, tags, and permits is typically less than the equivalent licenses, tags, and permits for a nonresident. For example, in 2019, the cost of a resident annual hunting license is \$33.50, while a nonresident annual hunting license costs \$167. Currently, residency related to wildlife licenses, tags, and permits requires that a person reside in the state for at least six consecutive months prior to the date of application.

House Bill 2923 would establish certain persons as resident for purpose of purchasing licenses, tags, or permits issued by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.