

HB 2293 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/30/19
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Bentz, Dembrow, Prozanski, Roblan
Exc: 1 - Olsen
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/23, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends residency requirements for purpose of making application for wildlife licenses, tags, and permits. Defines "resident" as person who has physically resided in this state for no less than six consecutive months immediately prior to application submission. Removes provision precluding consideration of temporary absence from state in residency determination. Specifies that a resident does not include a person who merely owns property or pays property taxes in the state or who claims resident privileges in another state or country for any purpose.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current statutory language allows six-month temporary absence from state
- Higher cost for nonresident hunting licenses, tags, and permits

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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, and allows for a person to be temporarily absent from the state for six months.

House Bill 2293A would change the definition of "resident" for purposes of making application for wildlife hunting licenses, tags, and permits.