

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 301**

Ordered by the Senate April 12  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 12

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to consider elk overpopulation when implementing Oregon Landowner Damage Program. Removes sunset on program.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to landowner damage tags; amending section 3, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013; and re-  
3 pealing section 5, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the State Department of Fish  
7 and Wildlife shall create and implement an Oregon Landowner Damage Program that:

8 (1) Addresses damage caused by elk on privately owned lands in Oregon.

9 (2) Provides [*landowner*] damage tags only for areas where elk are currently causing damage,  
10 where there has been a history of elk damage coupled with actions to alleviate elk damage or where  
11 the department has designated the area as an elk deemphasis area.

12 **(3) Considers elk overpopulation.**

13 [(3)] **(4)** Limits the use of damage tags to taking antlerless elk.

14 [(4)] **(5)** Limits the use of damage tags to taking elk on property owned, leased or rented by the  
15 landowner complaining of elk damage or on property owned, leased or rented by a business entity  
16 that includes the landowner as a principal partner or shareholder.

17 [(5)] **(6)** Allows exchange of unused general season elk tags or controlled hunt elk tags for  
18 [*landowner*] damage tags.

19 [(6)] **(7)** Does not impose a limit on the number of total damage tags available for each land-  
20 owner, except that no more than five damage tags may be valid at any one time.

21 [(7)] **(8)** Does not impose a minimum acreage requirement for landowner participation.

22 [(8)] **(9)** Allows landowners to register for participation in the program at any time prior to the  
23 issuance of damage tags.

24 [(9)] **(10)** Establishes a \$30 fee for landowners to register for participation in the program.

25 [(10)] **(11)** Establishes a \$15 fee for landowners to modify the landowner's damage tag distrib-  
26 ution.

27 [(11)] **(12)** Authorizes department biologists to sell and exchange damage tags.

28 [(12)] **(13)** Authorizes department biologists to establish the period of validity for damage tags

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 through negotiation with landowners.

2 [(13)] (14) Requires landowners to record the number of elk taken and, within 10 days after the  
3 end of a designated hunt period, to report to the local department biologist the number of elk taken.

4 **SECTION 2. Section 5, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, is repealed.**

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