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Senate Bill 301

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL, Representative BARRETO (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to landowner damage tags; amending section 3, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013; and repealing section 5, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013.

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

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

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

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

(2) Provides [*landowner*] damage 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) Considers elk overpopulation.

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

[(4)] (5) Limits the use of damage 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)] (6) Allows exchange of unused general season elk tags or controlled hunt elk tags for [*landowner*] damage tags.

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

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

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

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

[(10)] (11) Establishes a \$15 fee for landowners to modify the landowner's damage tag distribution.

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

[(12)] (13) Authorizes department biologists to establish the period of validity for damage tags through negotiation with landowners.

[(13)] (14) 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.

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 Section 5, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, is repealed.

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