

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 301

By COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:
- 2 “**SECTION 1.** Section 3, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, is amended to read:
- 3 “**Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the State Department of Fish
- 4 and Wildlife shall create and implement an Oregon Landowner Damage Program that:
- 5 “(1) Addresses damage caused by elk on privately owned lands in Oregon.
- 6 “(2) Provides [*landowner*] damage tags only for areas where elk are currently causing damage,
- 7 where there has been a history of elk damage coupled with actions to alleviate elk damage or where
- 8 the department has designated the area as an elk deemphasis area.
- 9 “**(3) Considers elk overpopulation.**
- 10 “[3] (4) Limits the use of damage tags to taking antlerless elk.
- 11 “[4] (5) Limits the use of damage tags to taking elk on property owned, leased or rented by the
- 12 landowner complaining of elk damage or on property owned, leased or rented by a business entity
- 13 that includes the landowner as a principal partner or shareholder.
- 14 “[5] (6) Allows exchange of unused general season elk tags or controlled hunt elk tags for
- 15 [*landowner*] damage tags.
- 16 “[6] (7) Does not impose a limit on the number of total damage tags available for each land-
- 17 owner, except that no more than five damage tags may be valid at any one time.
- 18 “[7] (8) Does not impose a minimum acreage requirement for landowner participation.
- 19 “[8] (9) Allows landowners to register for participation in the program at any time prior to the
- 20 issuance of damage tags.
- 21 “[9] (10) Establishes a \$30 fee for landowners to register for participation in the program.
- 22 “[10] (11) Establishes a \$15 fee for landowners to modify the landowner’s damage tag distrib-
- 23 ution.
- 24 “[11] (12) Authorizes department biologists to sell and exchange damage tags.
- 25 “[12] (13) Authorizes department biologists to establish the period of validity for damage tags
- 26 through negotiation with landowners.
- 27 “[13] (14) Requires landowners to record the number of elk taken and, within 10 days after the
- 28 end of a designated hunt period, to report to the local department biologist the number of elk taken.
- 29 “**SECTION 2. Section 5, chapter 363, Oregon Laws 2013, is repealed.**”.
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