

HB 3163 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes residency requirements for wildlife license, tag, and permit applications. Defines “resident” as a person who has physically resided in Oregon for no less than six consecutive months immediately prior to application submission. Removes the provision precluding the consideration of temporary absence from the state in residency determinations. Specifies that a resident does not include a person who merely owns real property or pays property taxes in the state or who claims resident privileges in another state or country for any purpose.

House Vote: Ayes, 58; Excused, 2--Clem, Levy

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: Has minimal revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Residency criteria
- Prosecution of offenders with dual residency have become more difficult
- Bill is result of recommendations from anti-poaching work group

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 for a nonresident. For example, in 2019, the cost of a resident annual hunting license was \$33.50, while a nonresident annual hunting license cost \$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 a person to be temporarily absent from the state for six months.

House Bill 3163 would change the definition of "resident" for purposes of making application for wildlife hunting licenses, tags, and permits.