

**HB 2068 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Smith DB

**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 03/30/21

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 10-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Hudson, Marsh, McLain, Post, Reardon, Smith DB, Williams, Witt

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/26, 3/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Makes permanent provisions related to the issuance and use of landowner preference tags for hunting deer, elk, or antelope.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Restrictions of the program including its use only on the registered property
- Support for the program from wider stakeholder groups

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No Amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Landowner Preference Program (LOP) is a hunting program for landowners that was established in recognition of the role that private lands play in supporting wildlife. Deer, elk, or antelope tags are available to landowners and their family members, based on the acreage owned, and are restricted to use on the property for which they are registered. The program does not require landowners to be successful in the controlled hunt draw for the unit in which their property resides. LOP tags for the hunting of deer or elk are transferable to any person of the landowner's choosing, whereas LOP tags for the hunting of antelope are not transferable. The LOP program is scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2022.

House Bill 2068 would make provisions regarding issuance and use of landowner preference tags for hunting wildlife permanent by eliminating the sunset date.