

HB 2067 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Action Date: 05/03/21

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and request referral to Ways and Means.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Golden, Kennemer, Patterson, Prozanski

Exc: 1 - Heard

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/19, 5/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows State Fish and Wildlife Commission to charge fees for hunting, angling, and shellfish licenses; tags; and permits that are less than the amount established in the statutory fee schedule. Makes changes to angling and shellfish licenses including: elimination of the one-day angling license and a fee schedule reduction for maximum current and future one-day angling and shellfish license from \$32.50 to \$23.00. Provides for a temporary partial dedication of one-day angling and shellfish license fee to Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund. Makes conforming changes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose of lower fees to improve participation
- Potential effect of lower fee revenue on agency budget

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Fish and Wildlife Commission is authorized to issue, to persons desiring to angle for fish or take shellfish, licenses and tags upon payment of applicable fees as required under the fee schedule in ORS 497.061. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has identified, as part of recruiting, retaining, and reactivating anglers and hunters, that it would be useful to be able to offer discounted licenses or special cost incentives to encourage participation.

House Bill 2067 would allow the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to charge fees for hunting, angling, and shellfish licenses, tags, and permits that are less than the amount established in the statutory fee schedule, and would make certain changes to angling and shellfish licenses.