

SB 687 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

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Meeting Dates: 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates the six-month residency requirement for issuance of angling o shellfish licenses to qualifying disabled veterans that currently reside in Oregon. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon offers free angling licenses to disabled war veterans who have a service-related disability of at least 25 percent as rated by the federal Veterans Administration. Under current law, in order to qualify for the free license, the disabled veteran must have been an Oregon resident for at least the past six months. In addition, disabled veterans are also eligible to receive a free combination license that encompasses hunting, fishing, and shellfish licenses, as well as a Columbia River endorsement, and resident disabled veterans can qualify for an elk hunting tag for \$25. To qualify, an applicant must submit a letter from the U.S. Veterans Administration, or any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, showing the disability rating of at least 25 percent.

Senate Bill 687 eliminates the six-month residency requirement for disabled veterans to qualify for free angling and shellfish licenses.