

SB 812 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure repeals a sunset of January 2, 2026 related to the issuance of landowner preference tags for hunting deer, elk, or antelope on one's property

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact.

Revenue impact: No revenue impact.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Financial incentives related to the transfer or sale of tags
- Rules on monetary transactions relating to hunting

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Landowner Preference (LOP) program is a hunting program to allow landowners to qualify for controlled hunt tags on their property. Established in 1981, LOP was created to acknowledge how private lands support wildlife, and provide landowners a form of compensation for the resources used by wildlife on their property. Deer, elk, or antelope tags are available to landowners and their family members with properties of 40 or more acres, and are restricted to use on the property for which they are registered. 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, 2026. HB 2068 (2021) extended LOP from sunset on January 2, 2022 to January 2, 2026. The measure would repeal the sunset on provisions regarding issuance and use of landowner preference tags for hunting wildlife on private property, making the program permanent.