

HB 2163 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds provision to ORS 496.018: Person with disability under wildlife laws, to include individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities that impair their ability to hold or operate standard angling or shellfish harvesting equipment such as rods, reels, clam guns, shovels, and similar tools.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact.

Revenue impact: No revenue impact.

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 58; Nays, 0; Excused, 2.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Department of Fish and Wildlife Rulemaking
- Medical certification for Disability Hunting and Fishing Permit
- Fishing assistance and current penalties

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, individuals with certain physical disabilities can apply for a Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit through the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This permit provides additional accommodations such as access to specific fishing platforms or assistance during clam digging. However, the permit is not a license or tag, and does not replace the requirement for standard licenses like a fishing or shellfish license or combined angling tag. Currently, eligibility is limited to those with specific physical impairments.