

**HB 2163 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. McDonald

**House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water**

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**Action Date:** 02/10/25

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 6-0-3-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Boice, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain

**Exc:** 3 - Hartman, Owens, Scharf

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/29, 2/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure expands Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s consideration of people with disabilities related to angling or shellfish harvesting laws to include an intellectual or developmental disability that prevents a person from holding or operating angling and/or shellfish harvesting equipment, including rods, reels, clam guns, shovels, and other equipment typically used for angling or for harvesting shellfish.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of inclusivity in fishing activities
- Number of tickets written in response to current law

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In Oregon, hunters and anglers with certain physical disabilities may apply for a Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit. While this permit does not replace a hunting, fishing, or shellfish license, it offers additional accommodations and allows for assistance from others. With regard to fishing, a disability permit may, for example, allow fishing from certain boats and platforms that are not open to regular license holders. When clam digging, a person holding a disability permit may be assisted by another person under certain circumstances. Permit holders must still obtain a fishing license and/or combined angling tag and clam diggers must obtain a shellfish license. Currently, qualifying disabilities are limited to certain physical conditions and impairments.