

HB 2163 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Girod

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Action Date: 04/17/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Girod, Golden, Nash, Prozanski, Taylor

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/15, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure expands the Department of Fish and Wildlife's consideration of people with disabilities 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.

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 a standard license like a fishing or shellfish license or combined angling tag. Currently, eligibility is limited to those with specific physical impairments.