

SB 812 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Owens

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

Action Date: 05/05/25

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Boice, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Owens

Exc: 2 - Hartman, Scharf

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/21, 5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure makes provisions related to the issuance of landowner preference tags for hunting deer, elk, or antelope on one's property permanent.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process and legality of sale of landowner preference tags
- Process to enroll in the landowner preference program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Landowner Preference (LOP) program is a 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. House Bill 2068 (2021) extended LOP from sunset on January 2, 2022, to January 2, 2026. The measure is making the LOP permanent by repealing its sunset.