

HB 2566 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 3/7, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to make rules to prescribe and administer adult hunter mentoring program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Explanation of youth hunter mentoring program
- Surveys requesting more youth participation
- Hunter safety course in addition to mentoring program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure. Increases age limit for youth participating in hunter mentoring program from 14 years of age to 16 years of age.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) requires youth under 18 years old to successfully complete an approved course on the safe handling of hunting weapons to be authorized to hunt wildlife. An alternative to completing the course is available for youth aged nine to 14 years, requiring them to take part in a youth hunter mentoring program and supervised hunt.

House Bill 2566 would authorize the Commission to develop rules for and administer a similar hunter mentoring program for adults.