

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2566**

Ordered by the House April 10  
Including House Amendments dated April 10

Sponsored by Representative WITT; Representatives ESQUIVEL, HUFFMAN, MCKEOWN, SMITH G (Presession filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt adult hunter mentoring program.]* **Extends age range of youth eligible to participate in youth hunter mentoring program to persons between nine and 16 years of age.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to hunter mentoring programs; amending ORS 497.360.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 497.360 is amended to read:

5 497.360. (1) No person younger than 18 years of age shall hunt wildlife, except on the person's  
6 own land or land owned by the parent or legal guardian of the person, unless the person:

7 (a) Has in possession a certificate, issued by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission or by an  
8 agency of another state, stating that the person has satisfactorily completed a course prescribed or  
9 approved by the commission in the safe handling of lawful hunting weapons; or

10 (b) Is participating in a supervised hunt as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

11 (2) The commission, by rule, shall prescribe and administer a hunter safety training program to  
12 provide instruction in the safe handling of lawful hunting weapons. The program may also include  
13 instruction on wildlife and natural resource conservation, first aid and survival and such other  
14 subjects as the commission considers desirable to promote good outdoor conduct and respect for the  
15 rights and property of others. The commission may cooperate and enter into agreements with other  
16 public or private agencies and individuals in carrying out the provisions of this subsection. The  
17 Department of State Police and the Department of Education are directed to cooperate with the  
18 commission in carrying out the provisions of this section.

19 (3)(a) The commission, by rule, shall prescribe and administer a youth hunter mentoring program  
20 that allows a person who is between nine and *[14]* **16** years of age to hunt while in the presence of  
21 a supervisory hunter who is 21 years of age or older and who holds the appropriate licenses, tags  
22 and permits issued pursuant to the wildlife laws. Only one lawful hunting weapon may be carried  
23 during a supervised hunt under this subsection. A person participating in a supervised hunt under  
24 this subsection may hunt wildlife under the same conditions applicable to the supervisory hunter's  
25 licenses, tags and permits.

26 (b) The commission, by rule, may prescribe any relevant safety and ethical standards for partici-  
27 pation in a supervised hunt under this subsection.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

