

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND	In 2005, Senate Bill 694 established a program for offering terminally ill children tags to hunt big game animals in Oregon. During the 2018 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1517 modified the “Tags for Terminally Children” program to include tags for qualifying disabled veterans.
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with interested nonprofit organizations. • Communication with local sports groups and other interested parties. • Answering questions from interested persons, including the news media.
ISSUE 1	Proposed administrative rules to implement a program to provide “Tags for Terminally Ill Children and Disabled Veterans”.
ANALYSIS	<p>Senate Bill 1517 modified the Tags for Terminally Ill Children program, described in ORS 496.146, by expanding the program to include tags for disabled veterans. SB 1517 authorizes the Department to annually issue a limited number of big game hunting tags, without charge, to nonprofit organizations for use by qualified disabled veterans. Qualifying veterans are those whose discharge or release from active duty was under honorable conditions for a disability incurred in the line of duty or a veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of up to 35 tags are proposed to be available annually. Initially each year, 20 tags would be available to Qualified Disabled Veterans, and 15 tags available to Terminally Ill Youth. Thirty days prior to the season opening date, remaining unrequested tags may be made available to both Disabled Veterans and Terminally Ill Youth. • Tags are made available for deer, elk, pronghorn, and bear. • Each sponsoring Organization would be limited to five tags annually. • A qualified veteran could obtain only one of these tags. • Tags are available to residents and nonresidents. • Tags are essentially statewide. • Season dates for deer, elk and pronghorn antelope are August 1 through November 30; spring and fall black bear season dates are the same as standard seasons.
OPTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt staff recommendation 2. Amend staff recommendation
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Option 1.
DRAFT MOTION	I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Division 065 as proposed by staff.
EFFECTIVE DATE	Upon Filing