



SF0002

Hunting licenses-weighted bonus points system.

Sponsored By: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to game and fish; establishing a weighted bonus points program for ram bighorn sheep and antlered moose hunting license random draws; removing the preference point drawing for ram bighorn sheep and antlered moose; providing for the calculation of weighted bonus points; making conforming amendments; repealing a provision; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

12/2/2024 Bill Number Assigned
12/19/2024 S Received for Introduction
1/15/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S06 - Travel
1/21/2025 S06 - Travel:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 3-1-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Hicks, Landen, Schuler
Nays: Senator Boner
Excused: Senator Jones
Ayes 3 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/21/2025 S Placed on General File

SF0002SS001/ADOPTED

Page 6-line 6 Delete "this"; reinsert stricken "(b)".

Page 6-line 7 Reinsert stricken "of this section"; delete "cow or calf"; delete "a ewe or lamb". LANDEN, CHAIRMAN

1/22/2025 S COW:Passed

SF0002S2001/ADOPTED

Page 16-line 3 Delete "2029" and insert "2031".

Page 16-line 10 Delete "2029" and insert "2031".

Page 16-line 15 Delete "2029" and insert "2031". LANDEN

1/23/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed

1/24/2025 S 3rd Reading:Laid Back

SF0002S3001/ADOPTED (CORRECTED COPY)

Delete the Landen second reading amendment (SF0002S2001/A) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 7-line 17 Delete entirely.

Page 7-line 18 Delete "unsuccessful applicants for that year." and insert "partially through a preference point drawing. Beginning with the 2026 license year and for each license year thereafter, the department shall convert the points of all applicants who have not more than nineteen (19) preference points to weighted bonus points, and those applicants shall participate in the

weighted bonus point drawing. All first-year applicants shall participate in the weighted bonus point drawing. Each applicant with twenty (20) or more existing preference points shall participate in a preference point drawing."

Page 8-line 13 After "23-2-101(m)." delete balance of line.

Page 8-lines 14 through 23 Delete entirely.

Page 9-lines 1 through 13 Delete entirely and insert "For purposes of assigning any future preference or bonus points under this subsection, any unsuccessful applicant failing to apply for a license or pay the applicable fee in lieu of applying for two (2) consecutive years shall forfeit the applicant's points and shall be considered a first-year applicant for any subsequent calendar year in which the applicant submits a license application for an antlered moose or ram bighorn sheep. Twenty-five percent (25%) of available licenses issued under this subsection for an antlered moose or ram bighorn sheep within any hunt area shall be randomly selected through the weighted bonus point drawing where each applicant has a number of entries equal to the applicant's number of weighted bonus points. Seventy-five percent (75%) of available licenses issued under this subsection for an antlered moose or ram bighorn sheep within any hunt area shall be selected through the preference point draw where the applicant with the highest number of preference points shall be given an advantage in the drawing. Any unsubscribed licenses after the preference point drawing shall be issued in the weighted bonus point drawing. Beginning on January 1, 2032 and for each calendar year thereafter, all applicants with preference points shall have their preference points converted to weighted bonus points. Beginning on January 1, 2032, one hundred percent (100%) of available licenses issued under this subsection for an antlered moose or ram bighorn sheep within any hunt area shall be randomly selected through a weighted bonus point drawing where each applicant has a number of entries equal to the applicant's number of weighted bonus points."

Page 16-lines 1 through 3 Delete entirely and insert:

"Section 3. This act shall apply to all antlered moose and ram bighorn sheep licenses issued through the preference point draw for hunting seasons commencing on or after January 1, 2032."

Page 16-line 10 Delete "2029" and insert "2032".

Page 16-line 15 Delete "2029" and insert "2032". CASE, HICKS

1/27/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 29-2-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Scott, Smith

Ayes 29 **Nays** 2 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/28/2025 H Received for Introduction

2/10/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H06 - Travel

2/27/2025 H06 - Travel:Do Pass Failed 2-7-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Byron, Harshman

Nays: Representative(s) Campbell, Connolly, Jarvis, Provenza, Storer, Thayer, Wharff

Ayes 2 **Nays** 7 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/3/2025 H No report prior to CoW Cutoff

3/3/2025 H:Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to HR 5-4