

Exhibit G

Oregon Hunter Education Course Length

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Dear Sirs:

Within the past few weeks Mr. James Reed (Oregon's Statewide Hunter Education Coordinator) e-mailed notice to our Board of a staff proposal to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and requested our Organization's support. According to the Exhibit G_Attachment 1_Agenda Item Summary, adoption of this proposal would: 1. Delete an existing minimum 12-hour mandated Hunter Education course requirement in response to recent advances in education techniques; 2. Require persons younger than 18 years to satisfactorily complete both a classroom and field component to receive Oregon Hunter Education Certification and; 3. Initiate an online only Hunter Education course option for persons 18 years and over.

Timing of the notice did not give us opportunity to poll our full membership, so the following solely reflects opinion of the OHEIA Board of Directors. After considerable discussion, the Board voted on 24 November 2014 to support the proposal.

Our Board members have no issues with items 1 and 2, but animated debate centered on item 3. In support, the online only course could provide an educational experience for adults that, to date, live under no such mandates in Oregon. Simply put, some education is better than none, and inexperienced but conscientious adults may enroll on their own accord. Currently, we have no Hunter Ed Course aimed at the adult segment. This option would provide a timely means for Oregon adults with no credentials to fulfill needed Hunter Education requirements before hunting in other states like Colorado. Presently, Oregon adults with immediate need must exploit similar online options from other states. That being, Oregon is missing out on potential revenue as well as presenting a "don't care" attitude toward residents wishing to hunt elsewhere. ODF&W's "customer service" image will likely be elevated if the proposal is adopted. Finally, this approach is recognized by other states, meets International Hunter Education Association standards, and does not impose any new restrictions on aspiring adult hunters in Oregon.

The Board's concerns with item 3 centered on a potential lack of hands on exposure to the various actions and safety mechanisms found on both modern and antiquated arms. That exposure is a valued component of Oregon's traditional classroom courses and Field Days. I.e. there may be adults whose initial hands on schooling is delivered solely by a store clerk. Our overall consensus, however, centers on the positive aspects above, and the OHEIA Board of Directors has voted to support this proposal. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dave Ganskopp - President, OHEIA