

HB 607 – Rep. Jeff Welborn  
House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee – March 15, 2011

- HB 607 will have minimal impact on resident hunters and one they may not see at all.
- Number of possible licenses limited in two ways: *for*  
initial pool limited to those who apply for special elk permit and fail to draw  
those who chose to send the license back, entirely or partially
- Reality is that in most cases, the applicant will retain the elk license.
- NO licenses are set aside or reserved in any way for outfitters.
- No new licenses, just more complete distribution of a very few licenses.
- Public / capped nonresident big game elk/deer combination licenses (B-10) 36 year ago.
- Nothing in HB 607 conflicts with mandate of I-161: that all nonresidents are treated equally in terms of drawing.
- HB 607 simply requires the Department to sell any elk license that comes back within these limited perimeters.
- HB 607 does not conflict with the Commission's ability to choose whether to reissue deer licenses in 87-2-512.
- New revenue is directed to the Department's general license account where it helps to delay an increase in resident license prices.

