

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6465

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### As Passed House:

March 4, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to temporary fishing license fees.

**Brief Description:** Allowing active duty military personnel to purchase a temporary fishing license at the resident rate.

**Sponsors:** By Senators Roach, Benton, Rasmussen, Hargrove, King, Hobbs, Hatfield, Delvin, McCaslin, Kilmer, Rockefeller and Carrell.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Agriculture & Natural Resources: 2/20/08, 2/21/08 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 3/4/08, 95-0.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows all active duty military personnel to pay the same fee for a temporary combination fishing license as a Washington resident would pay.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Blake, Chair; Van De Wege, Vice Chair; Kretz, Ranking Minority Member; Warnick, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Eickmeyer, Grant, Kristiansen, Lantz, Loomis, McCoy, Nelson, Newhouse and Orcutt.

**Staff:** Jason Callahan (786-7117).

### Background:

All individuals over the age of 15 are required to purchase a personal use fishing license prior to recreationally fishing for or possessing fish from state waters or offshore waters. There are a number of personal use fishing licenses available, including a temporary combination fishing

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license (temporary license). The temporary license is valid for between one and five days, and is priced as follows:

Number of Days Temporary License is Valid:	Cost for Washington Resident:	Cost for Non-Resident:
One Day	\$7	\$14
Two Days	\$10	\$20
Three Days	\$13	\$26
Four Days	\$15	\$30
Five Days	\$17	\$34

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**Summary of Bill:**

All active duty military personnel are eligible to pay the same fee for a temporary license as a Washington resident would pay. To qualify, the person must be currently in active duty with any branch of the United States armed services and present valid military identification at the time the temporary license is purchased.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) Encouraging and facilitating military personnel to enjoy the beautiful areas of Washington by fishing will not have a large fiscal impact.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Senator Roach, prime sponsor.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.