FINAL BILL REPORT SB 5058

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Making technical changes to certain natural resources-related accounts.

Sponsors: Senators Rolfes and Van De Wege; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks House Committee on Appropriations

Background: The Department of Fish and Wildlife's (DFW) State Wildlife Account was eliminated in 2020, and replaced with two new accounts, the Limited Fish and Wildlife Account and the Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Account. The changes were made to increase transparency and accountability to the public by clearly dividing restricted and nonrestricted revenues into two separate accounts. The Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Account is used to receive revenue that by statute, and is more discretionary in nature. The Limited Fish and Wildlife Account is used to receive revenue that by statute, and limits how DFW uses the funds.

Summary: Payments for claims and assessment costs for injury or loss of livestock are authorized from the Limited Fish and Wildlife Account, rather than the Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Account.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 48 0 House 98 0

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