

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5253

As Passed House-Amended:

April 11, 1997

Title: An act relating to nonresident juvenile fishing licenses.

Brief Description: Allowing nonresidents under the age of fifteen to obtain a free fishing license.

Sponsors: Senators Strannigan, Oke, Hargrove, Roach, Morton, Swecker, Horn and Winsley.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Natural Resources: 3/21/97, 4/3/97 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House-Amended: 4/11/97, 97-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Buck, Chairman; Sump, Vice Chairman; Thompson, Vice Chairman; Regala, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander; Anderson and Hatfield.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 3 members: Representatives Chandler; Pennington and Sheldon.

Staff: Rick Anderson (786-7114).

Background: A game fish license entitles a person to fish for trout. Resident youths under 15 years of age are not required to have a game fish license. Nonresident youths under 15 years of age are required to pay \$20 for a game fish license.

Summary of Bill: A game fish license is not required for nonresidents under the age of 15, if the youth is fishing with an adult who holds a current game fish license. The total catch limited for the youth and adult fishing on one license is the total number of fish allowed by one license. A non-resident under 15 must pay \$20 for a game fish license if the youth is not fishing with a licensed adult or if the youth wishes to have a complete catch limit.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The bill will encourage juvenile fishing and have a very minor fiscal impact.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Evan Jacoby, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (pro).