

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

SSB 6450

Title: An act relating to the wildlife publications account.

Brief Description: Creating the wildlife publications account.

Sponsors: Senator Jacobsen.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Meeting Date: February 23, 2000.

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Background:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife receives money from the sale of interpretive, recreational, historical, and informational literature and materials. In addition, advertisements in regulation pamphlets and enrollment in department-sponsored educational training events also generate moneys. All of these moneys are deposited in the wildlife account and may be utilized for a wide variety of department functions.

Summary of Bill:

Moneys received from the sale of interpretive, recreational, historical, educational and informational literature, regulation pamphlet advertisements, and enrollment fees from department-sponsored educational training events continue to be placed in the wildlife fund.

Moneys generated from the sale of informational materials must primarily be used for producing regulation booklets and for the development, production, reprinting and distribution of informational and educational materials. Moneys may additionally be used for training activity expenses, and other activities determined by the director.

Regulation pamphlets may be subsidized by advertising, but pamphlets must be made available free of charge.

The director may enter joint ventures with other agencies and organizations to generate revenue.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 18, 2000.

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

Senate Passage: 2/15/00, 48-0.