

2 ESHB 1655 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 77.04 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The commission must appoint an advisory committee to generally  
10 represent the interests of disabled hunters and fishers on matters  
11 including, but not limited to, special hunts, modified sporting  
12 equipment, access to public land, and hunting and fishing  
13 opportunities. The advisory committee is composed of seven members,  
14 each being a person with a disability. The advisory committee members  
15 must represent the entire state. The members must be appointed so that  
16 each of the six department administrative regions, as they existed on  
17 January 1, 2001, are represented with one resident on the advisory  
18 committee. One additional member must be appointed at large. The  
19 chair of the advisory committee must be a member of the advisory  
20 committee and shall be selected by the members of the advisory  
21 committee.

22 (2) For the purposes of this section, a person with a disability  
23 includes but is not limited to:

24 (a) A permanently disabled person who is not ambulatory over  
25 natural terrain without a prosthesis or assistive device;

26 (b) A permanently disabled person who is unable to walk without the  
27 use of assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, wheelchair, scooter,  
28 walker, or other assistive device;

29 (c) A person who has a cardiac condition to the extent that the  
30 person's functional limitations are severe;

31 (d) A person who is restricted by lung disease to the extent that  
32 the person's functional limitations are severe;

33 (e) A person who is totally blind or visually impaired; or

34 (f) A permanently disabled person with upper or lower extremity  
35 impairments who does not have the use of one or both upper or lower  
36 extremities.

1 (3) The members of the advisory committee are appointed for a four-  
2 year term. If a vacancy occurs on the advisory committee prior to the  
3 expiration of a term, the commission must appoint a replacement within  
4 sixty days to complete the term.

5 (4) The advisory committee must meet at least semi-annually, and  
6 may meet at other times as requested by a majority of the advisory  
7 committee members for any express purpose that directly relates to the  
8 duties set forth in subsection (1) of this section. A majority of  
9 members currently serving on the advisory committee constitutes a  
10 quorum. The department must provide staff support for all official  
11 advisory committee meetings.

12 (5) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve without  
13 compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized in  
14 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

15 (6) The members of the advisory committee, or individuals acting on  
16 their behalf, are immune from civil liability for official acts  
17 performed in the course of their duties.

18 (7) The provisions of this section constitute a pilot program that  
19 expires July 1, 2005. On December 1, 2004, the commission shall  
20 present a report to the appropriate legislative committees detailing  
21 the effectiveness of the advisory committee, including but not limited  
22 to, the participation levels, general interest, quality of advice, and  
23 recommendations as to the advisory committee's continuance or  
24 modification."

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28 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "individuals;" strike the  
29 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter  
30 77.04 RCW."

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