SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6308

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session

By Senate Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Takko, Warnick, and Ranker)

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/16.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to migratory bird hunting fees; creating new 2 sections; and providing an expiration date.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- By December 1, 2016, the department of 4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. 5 fish and wildlife must work cooperatively with its waterfowl advisory 6 group and other appropriate stakeholders to: (1) Assess migratory bird permit fees and program needs through information such as: 7 Current and past migratory bird permit revenue levels; trends in 8 other funding sources that support projects that benefit migratory 9 birds in Washington; program capacity for additional projects and 10 11 activities; potential impacts of changed fees on license sales; and 12 identified priority projects or other program activities; and (2) 13 review options and recommendations on changes to the migratory bird 14 permit fee, or other program changes, based on the results of this assessment. The assessment, options, and recommendations must be 15 16 provided to the appropriate committees of the legislature.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. By December 1, 2016, the state auditor must audit the department of fish and wildlife's use of fees derived from the sale of migratory bird permits for compliance with statutory

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- 1 requirements. The audit must be provided to the appropriate
- 2 committees of the legislature.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act expire June
- 4 30, 2017.

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