
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1855

State of Washington 52nd Legislature 1991 Regular Session

By House Committee on Revenue (originally sponsored by Representatives Wang and Holland; by request of Office of Financial Management, Department of Fisheries and Department of Wildlife).

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1 AN ACT Relating to imposing fees for hydraulic permits issued for
2 construction projects in state waters; adding a new section to chapter
3 75.20 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and
4 declaring an emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the
7 departments of fisheries and wildlife process approximately six
8 thousand applications a year for permits relating to construction
9 projects in state waters. Costs associated with a typical permit
10 application include coordination of the permit application with other
11 agencies, the evaluation of an activity's impacts, the preparation and
12 issuance of documents authorizing or denying a proposed activity,
13 investigations, and monitoring.

14 It is the intent of the legislature to adopt a fee for applications
15 for construction projects in state waters.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.20 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) A fee is required for the review and evaluation of permit
4 applications under this chapter. The fee is nonrefundable,
5 irrespective of whether the final decision is to issue or deny the
6 requested permit. Each application for a permit shall be accompanied
7 by a twenty dollar fee. No application for a permit will be accepted
8 for evaluation without the fee being remitted.

9 (2) On January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the director shall
10 adjust the fee under this chapter in accordance with the implicit price
11 deflator published by the United States department of commerce. The
12 fee adjusted under this section shall be rounded to the nearest dollar.

13 (3) The department of fisheries and the department of wildlife
14 shall each adopt rules to administer the hydraulic permit fees
15 contained in this section.

16 (4) The department shall submit a report to the appropriate
17 committees of the legislature by November of each even-numbered year
18 showing detailed information on fees collected, actual expenses
19 incurred, anticipated expenses, and the actual costs of processing
20 representative applications under this chapter for the current and next
21 two fiscal years.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
25 effect July 1, 1991.