

SB 5134 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.04.150 and 2001 c 312 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

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

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

20 (a) A (~~permanently disabled~~) person with a permanent disability
21 who is not ambulatory over natural terrain without a prosthesis or
22 assistive device;

23 (b) A (~~permanently disabled~~) person with a permanent disability
24 who is unable to walk without the use of assistance from a brace, cane,
25 crutch, wheelchair, scooter, walker, or other assistive device;

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

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

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

1 (f) A (~~permanently disabled~~) person with a permanent disability
2 with upper or lower extremity impairments who does not have the use of
3 one or both upper or lower extremities.

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

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

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

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

21 (7) The provisions of this section (~~constitute a pilot program~~
22 ~~that~~) expire(~~s~~) July 1, (~~2005~~) 2008. On December 1, (~~2004~~)
23 2007, the commission shall present a report to the appropriate
24 legislative committees detailing the effectiveness of the advisory
25 committee, including(~~+~~), but not limited to, the participation
26 levels, general interest, quality of advice, and recommendations as to
27 the advisory committee's continuance or modification."

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