

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the fish and wildlife federal lands revolving account and the natural resources federal lands revolving account.

Sponsors: Senators Hawkins, Rolfes, Van De Wege and Takko; by request of Department of Natural Resources.

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks
House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Under Congressionally-authorized good neighbor agreements, certain federal agencies may enter into cooperative agreements with states to perform forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services on federal lands. Examples of qualifying project include treatments for diseased trees, hazardous fuels reduction, and activities to improve watershed health.

Any specific projects conducted under an agreement must be developed under a collaborative process between the state and federal agency. The federal agencies must complete federal environmental review even where the state is to conduct project implementation.

Summary: Separate non-appropriated, interest retaining, accounts are created for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). DNR's account is called the Natural Resources Federal Lands Revolving Account and DFW's is called the Fish and Wildlife Federal Lands Revolving Account.

The accounts receive any income from the respective agencies from good neighbor agreements, legislative transfers, gifts, grants, and federal funds provided for good neighbor agreements. The agencies can use the accounts to pay for planning and implementing good neighbor agreements, including administrative costs and goods and services.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	49	0	(Senate concurred)

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