

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 2360

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES,
FEBRUARY 24, 1992

Brief Description: Authorizing the sale of informational materials by the department of fisheries.

SPONSORS: Representatives G. Cole, R. King and Basich; by request of Department of Fisheries

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Metcalf, Chairman; Conner, Owen, Snyder, and Sumner.

Staff: Vic Moon (786-7469)

Hearing Dates: February 19, 1992; February 24, 1992

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Fisheries currently does not have statutory authority to sell informational material to the public, other than that provided by RCW 42.17.300, which allows agencies to impose a reasonable charge for providing copies of public records. The charges may not exceed the actual cost of copying. The Department of Wildlife has statutory authority under RCW 77.12.185 to sell informational materials to recover the costs of publication.

The Department of Fisheries has published numerous informational materials for the public, several of which are out of date. The department wishes to update some of the more popular publications, and to cover the reasonable costs of doing so.

SUMMARY:

The Director of the Department of Fisheries is authorized to collect moneys to recover the reasonable costs of drafting and publishing informational materials. Reasonable costs are defined to include only costs of drafting, printing, distribution, and postage. Regulation pamphlets shall not be sold.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: yes

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

Several important publications including the statewide stream guide used in local government planning could be updated and reprinted if the department could recover costs.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Susan Markey, Department of Fisheries (pro)