

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 2792

AS OF FEBRUARY 21, 1992

Brief Description: Establishing fishing guide license fees for Oregon residents.

SPONSORS: Representatives Orr, Spanel, R. King, Wilson, Haugen, Kremen and Basich

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

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Hearing Dates: February 26, 1992

BACKGROUND:

The 1991 Legislature passed SSB 5082, which required that the Department of Fisheries issue a license to professional salmon guides operating in freshwater rivers and streams, other than that part of the Columbia River below the bridge at Longview. A charter boat license is required to carry passengers for hire on the Columbia River below the bridge at Longview. The salmon guide license fee is \$500 for nonresidents of Washington and \$50 for residents. In addition, license purchasers must pay a surcharge of \$20 and \$100 for residents and nonresidents, respectively, for funding the regional fisheries enhancement groups.

The Oregon State Marine Board regulates commercial outfitting and guiding in the state of Oregon. The fee for resident and nonresident fishing guide licenses is \$50. There are salmon fishing guides that operate both in Washington and Oregon.

SUMMARY:

The Department of Fisheries shall charge resident fishing guide license fees to Oregon residents if the state of Oregon charges resident fishing guide license fees to Washington residents. The Department of Fisheries is directed to issue salmon guide licenses to individual applicants rather than to the applicant's vessel.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested