

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6134

As of January 20, 2004

Title: An act relating to ensuring habitat benefits of land acquisitions.

Brief Description: Ensuring habitat benefits of land acquisitions.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, Morton and Mulliken.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Energy & Water: 1/22/04.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY & WATER

Staff: Genevieve Pisarski (786-7488)

Background: Concern has been expressed that the state should acquire land for use as habitat only when it will serve specific identified purposes.

Summary of Bill: The state Fish and Wildlife Commission must make specific information available regarding the habitat purpose for which property is acquired, including the benefitted species, habitat types and species present, relative habitat value of the site, anticipated benefits from the site, and proposed public use. The state Salmon Recovery Funding Board must evaluate the same information for any project that requires land acquisition.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.