

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5609

AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 1991

Brief Description: Imposing fees for permits for hydraulic projects.

SPONSORS: Senators McDonald, Craswell and Niemi; by request of Department of Fisheries, Department of Wildlife and Office of Financial Management.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

Hearing Dates: February 18, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Hydraulic project permits are issued without fee by the Department of Fisheries or the Department of Wildlife.

There is concern that hydraulic permit program costs could be recaptured by charging for hydraulic permits.

SUMMARY:

Hydraulic permit applications shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of \$1000 for commercial activity requiring Corps of Engineers permits, \$650 for other commercial activity, \$50 for noncommercial activity, and \$25 for mineral prospecting. Fees will be adjusted every two years to reflect the implicit price deflator.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested February 12, 1991

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.