

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5630

AS PASSED SENATE, MARCH 13, 1991

Brief Description: Exempting certain permits and licenses from the definition of a fee.

SPONSORS: Senators McCaslin, Madsen and Nelson; by request of Department of Wildlife.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Metcalf, Chairman; Oke, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Barr, Conner, Owen, and Snyder.

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Hearing Dates: February 26, 1991

BACKGROUND:

The Parks and Recreation Commission, the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Wildlife issue licenses or permits for statewide use. The state agencies are concerned that the issuance of licenses to the public might make them potentially liable for the actions of the persons who are licensed.

SUMMARY:

The recreational immunity statute is amended to limit liability of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Wildlife as a result of the recreational licenses that the agencies issue.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

The legislation is needed to clarify that state agencies are not liable for actions of people that they license to hunt, fish or camp.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Gary Alexander, General Administration (pro); Susan Market, Department of Fisheries (pro); Ron Peregrin, Department of Wildlife (pro); Nina Carter, State Parks (pro)