

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5973

AS OF JUNE 18, 1991

Brief Description: Relating to the deposition of fees into the state wildlife fund.

SPONSORS: Senator Metcalf.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

Hearing Dates: June 19, 1991

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Wildlife has not had a fee increase in hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses since 1985.

Additional revenue is needed to continue wildlife programs at current levels.

SUMMARY:

A surcharge of 15 percent is placed on all hunting, fishing and trapping licenses and tags. Revenue from the surcharge is dedicated to consumptive wildlife programs. A \$20 surcharge is placed on western Washington pheasant permits, with the revenue dedicated to pheasant farms.

The fee for personalized license plates is increased \$10 and the revenue is utilized for nonconsumptive wildlife programs.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: yes

Fiscal Note: requested June 19, 1991