

HOUSE BILL REPORT

EHB 1925

As Passed House
March 15, 1993

Title: An act relating to registration of persons carrying passengers for hire on whitewater river sections.

Brief Description: Requiring registration of persons carrying passengers for hire on whitewater river sections.

Sponsors: Representatives Orr, Pruitt and King.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Fisheries & Wildlife, March 2, 1993, DPA;
Passed House, March 15, 1993, 97-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 8 members: Representatives King, Chair; Orr, Vice Chair; Fuhrman, Ranking Minority Member; Sehlin, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Foreman; Lemmon; and Scott.

Staff: Keitlyn Watson (786-7310).

Background: Under current law, persons carrying passengers for hire on whitewater river sections in the state may register with the Department of Licensing. A registration requires evidence of at least \$300,000 per claim liability insurance coverage, and a certification that the insurance will be maintained for at least one year. In addition, the person must have a Red Cross standard first aid card, and certain safety equipment.

Summary of Bill: Persons carrying passengers for hire on whitewater river sections must register with the Department of Licensing. The registration requires evidence of \$300,000 per person liability insurance coverage, and a certification that the insurance will be maintained for at least one year.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: It is a matter of concern that current law does not require registration. The bill changes only one word and ensures greater safety for users of Washington whitewater river guides.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Representative Orr, prime sponsor (pro).