

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1925

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As Reported By House Committee On:  
Fisheries & Wildlife

**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:**

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### 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 Amended 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.

**Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill:** Liability insurance coverage requirements are changed from \$300,000 per claim to \$300,000 per person.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date of Amended Bill:** 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).