

HOUSE BILL REPORT

EHB 1925

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:

Reported by House Committee on:
Fisheries & Wildlife, January 18, 1994, DPA.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 9 members: Representatives King, Chair; Orr, Vice Chair; Fuhrman, Ranking Minority Member; Sehlin, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Chappell; Foreman; Quall; 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.

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 Engrossed Bill: Technical corrections are made to ensure that the bill is compatible with 1993 revisions to chapter 88.12 RCW.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: (on original bill, 1993 legislative session)
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).