

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2590

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As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to obsolete references.

**Brief Description:** Eliminating obsolete references to the department of fisheries and the department of wildlife.

**Sponsors:** Representatives King, Quall, Jones and Springer; by request of Statute Law Committee.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:

Fisheries & Wildlife, February 1, 1994, DP;

Passed House, February 9, 1994, 96-0;

Passed Legislature.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

**Majority Report:** Do pass. 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:** The 1993 Legislature passed SHB 2055, which merges the departments of Fisheries and Wildlife into the Department of Fish and Wildlife, effective July 1, 1994. Numerous references in statute to each department need to be changed to reflect the new agency name. The Legislature also passed ESSB 5868, which merges the Department of Trade and Economic Development and the Department of Community Development into the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, also effective July 1, 1994.

**Summary of Bill:** All references to either the Department of Fisheries or the Department of Wildlife are changed to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. References to the Department of Community Development and the Department of Trade and Economic Development are changed to the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. Gender neutral language is substituted for existing language where applicable, and other minor technical corrections are made.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1994.

**Testimony For:** The bill eliminates obsolete references and makes technical corrections in 100 sections of the RCW.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Dennis Cooper and Sue Goldstein, Code Revisor's Office (pro).