

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 2061

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, MARCH 31, 1993

Brief Description: Changing hunter education provisions.

SPONSORS: Representatives Chappell and King

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Owen, Chairman; Hargrove, Vice Chairman; Amondson, Erwin, Franklin, Haugen, Oke, Snyder, and Spanel.

Staff: Vic Moon (786-7469)

Hearing Dates: March 24, 1993; March 31, 1993

BACKGROUND:

RCW 75.08.420 requires anyone under 18 years of age who purchases a hunting license from the Department of Wildlife to complete a hunter safety education course of at least six hours. WAC 232-12-227 requires that the course be at least 10 hours. In 1992, between 10,000 and 11,000 individuals completed the course.

SUMMARY:

The minimum number of hours of hunter safety education required for a license is changed from six to 10 hours. Anyone born after January 1, 1972, who purchases a hunting license for the first time after January 1, 1995, from the Department of Wildlife must have completed such a course.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested March 2, 1993

TESTIMONY FOR:

The hunter education program must be brought into compliance with federal law.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Gerald Rowlands; Neal Houser; Eric Weigland, Department of Wildlife; Gary Kasowski