

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5253

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**As Reported By House Committee On:**  
Natural Resources

**Title:** An act relating to nonresident juvenile fishing licenses.

**Brief Description:** Allowing nonresidents under the age of fifteen to obtain a free fishing license.

**Sponsors:** Senators Strannigan, Oke, Hargrove, Roach, Morton, Swecker, Horn and Winsley.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Natural Resources: 3/21/97, 4/3/97 [DP].

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Buck, Chairman; Sump, Vice Chairman; Thompson, Vice Chairman; Regala, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander; Anderson and Hatfield.

**Minority Report:** Without recommendation. Signed by 3 members: Representatives Chandler; Pennington and Sheldon.

**Staff:** Rick Anderson (786-7114).

**Background:** A game fish license entitles a person to fish for trout. Nonresident youths under 15 years of age are required to pay \$20 for a game fish license. Resident youths under 15 years of age are not required to have a game fish license.

**Summary of Bill:** A game fish license is not required for nonresidents under the age of 15.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For:** The bill will encourage juvenile fishing and have a very minor fiscal impact.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Evan Jacoby, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (pro).