

SENATE BILL REPORT

E2SSB 5184

As Passed Senate, March 15, 1997

Title: An act relating to recreational fishing licenses.

Brief Description: Authorizing an additional rod recreational fishing license.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Roach and Oke).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources & Parks: 1/28/97, 2/21/97 [DPS-WM].

Ways & Means: 3/6/97, 3/7/97 [DP2S].

Passed Senate, 3/15/97, 35-14.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5184 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Oke, Chair; Rossi, Vice Chair; Hargrove, Jacobsen, Morton, Prentice, Roach, Stevens and Swecker.

Staff: Ross Antipa (786-7413)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5184 be substituted therefor, and the second substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators West, Chair; Deccio, Vice Chair; Strannigan, Vice Chair; Brown, Hochstatter, Kohl, Long, McDonald, Roach, Rossi, Schow, Spanel, Swecker, Thibaudeau, Winsley and Zarelli.

Staff: Cathy Baker (786-7708)

Background: Recreational fishers are limited to one fishing rod at a time. Some fishers may wish to utilize two fishing rods at the same time.

Summary of Bill: A recreational fisher may utilize two fishing rods at a time for food fish by paying an additional \$10 annual cost in marine areas and for species approved by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Funds from the two rod license are dedicated to juvenile fishing programs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For (Natural Resource & Parks): An additional rod license will provide more fishing opportunity without changing catch limits. Funds from the license will help juvenile programs.

Testimony Against (Natural Resource & Parks): None.

Testified (Natural Resource & Parks): Terry Oxley, Fish & Wildlife; Linda deBord, Port Angeles Assn. of Realtors.

Testimony For (Ways & Means): An additional rod license will provide more fishing opportunity without changing catch limits. Funds from the license will help juvenile programs.

Testimony Against (Ways & Means): None.

Testified (Ways & Means): Senator Pam Roach, prime sponsor (pro); Brian Edie, Department of Fish and Wildlife (pro).