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Brief Title: Licensing whitewater river outfitters.

**HB 1493 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that no person shall act in the capacity of a paid whitewater river outfitter, or advertise in any newspaper or magazine or any other trade publication, or represent himself or herself as a whitewater river outfitter in the state, without first obtaining a whitewater river outfitter's license from the department of licensing in accordance with RCW 88.12.275.

Provides that any attempt by a commercial whitewater river outfitter to waive liability for its own negligence is void as against public policy.

Provides that no person may act as a guide unless the individual is at least eighteen years of age and has successfully completed: (1) A lifesaving training course meeting standards adopted by the commission;

(2) a swiftwater river rescue course meeting standards adopted by the commission; and

(3) a program of guide training on whitewater rivers meeting standards adopted by the commission.