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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks
(originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Oke, Winsley, Snyder,
Bauer, Swecker, Morton, Schow, Zarelli, Rossi, Strannigan and
Rasmussen)

Brief Title: Creating a program for juvenile fishing only waters.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 1/30/98)

Directs the fish and wildlife commission to identify, establish, and expand upon specific areas throughout the state that are suitable for a juvenile fishing-only program.

Requires the department to restrict the fishing opportunities in these waters to persons less than eighteen years of age.

Requires some juvenile fishing-only waters to be easily accessible from urban areas so as to encourage inner-city youth to participate in fishing activities.

Directs the department to, as is practical, utilize fish produced in fish hatcheries as a basis for the juvenile fishing opportunities in juvenile fishing-only waters.

Directs the department to work with cooperative groups, regional fisheries enhancement groups, government agencies, Indian tribes, and civic groups for the purpose of expanding juvenile fishing-only waters throughout the state.

Directs the department of fish and wildlife to report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the progress of the juvenile fishing-only program on or before January 31, 1999.