
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1681

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Grant, Sump, Schoesler, Boldt, Mastin and McMorris)

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1 AN ACT Relating to state purchase of privately grown trout for
2 planting in state waters; adding new sections to Title 77 RCW; creating
3 a new section; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is beneficial
6 to improve opportunities for trout fishing in order to satisfy the
7 public's demand for recreational fishing during a time of declining
8 opportunities to catch anadromous salmon and steelhead trout.

9 Fish farmers can produce trout in a triploid genetic configuration
10 for the purpose of certifying that the fish are sterile and that they
11 cannot interbreed with wild trout. These fish are ideally suited to
12 planting into public lakes and ponds to provide immediate recreational
13 fishing at a reasonable cost. The fish continue to grow throughout
14 their life cycle and have the potential to grow to trophy size.

15 Planting of these catchable trout can provide increased angler
16 participation, increased fishing license sales, increased tourism
17 activities, and a boost to local economies.

18 The department of fish and wildlife is authorized to purchase these
19 privately produced fish to supplement existing department trout

1 hatchery production. The planting of these catchable trout in water
2 bodies with water quality sufficient to support fish life must not have
3 an adverse impact on the wild trout population.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The fish and wildlife commission in
5 consultation with the department is authorized to determine which
6 waters of the state are appropriate for this use during the 1999 and
7 2000 calendar years. In making this determination, the commission
8 shall seek geographic distribution to assure opportunity to fishers
9 state-wide.

10 The commission in consultation with the department will determine
11 the maximum number of fish that may be planted into state waters so as
12 not to compete with the wild populations of fish species in the water
13 body.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department shall report to the
15 appropriate legislative committees by February 1, 2001, regarding the
16 implementation of this act. The report shall include information
17 regarding the location and number of fish planted, the size of the fish
18 planted, and information relating to the cost-effectiveness of the
19 catchable trout program, including an estimate of new license sales
20 generated by the programs.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
22 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
23 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
24 void.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are each
26 added to Title 77 RCW.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
30 immediately.

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