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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1755**

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**By** House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buck, Regala, Clements, Doumit and Haigh; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fish and wildlife equipment; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 77.12 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 75.50  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 A revolving fund to be known as the fish and wildlife equipment  
8 fund is created in the custody of the state treasurer, to be expended  
9 by the department without appropriation for salaries, wages, and  
10 operations required for the purchase, repair, replacement, and  
11 operation of equipment for the purposes authorized in this section.  
12 The equipment may be used for the administration, maintenance, and  
13 construction of fish and wildlife lands and facilities; administration,  
14 maintenance, and construction of lands under department control;  
15 administration, maintenance, and construction of projects that will  
16 enhance fish and wildlife, including but not limited to volunteer  
17 cooperative projects, regional fisheries enhancement group projects,  
18 and salmon recovery projects; and administration, biological  
19 assessment, and enforcement necessary to carry out the duties under

1 this title and rules of the commission and director. The department  
2 may purchase and sell equipment, materials, and supplies by use of the  
3 fund, subject to any laws governing the purchase and sale of property.

4 All existing and hereafter-acquired equipment of the department  
5 shall be deemed to have been purchased from the fish and wildlife  
6 equipment fund. The department may, from time to time, transfer  
7 equipment purchased with appropriations from the general fund to the  
8 fish and wildlife equipment fund with or without charging the fish and  
9 wildlife equipment fund.

10 Equipment may be provided to any federal, state, county, or city  
11 political subdivision or governmental agency, volunteer cooperatives,  
12 regional fisheries enhancement groups, and entities engaged in salmon  
13 recovery. The department may collect a reasonable charge for providing  
14 the equipment. The terms and charges for such rentals shall be solely  
15 within the discretion of the department, and the determination of the  
16 terms and charges shall be considered reasonable. Any entity renting  
17 equipment shall make payment for such rental charges directly to the  
18 fish and wildlife equipment fund and the office of the department in  
19 Olympia. The fish and wildlife equipment fund shall be credited with  
20 the proceeds received from the payment of the rental charges.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.50 RCW  
22 to read as follows:

23 Existing and hereafter acquired equipment and materials purchased  
24 by regional fisheries enhancement groups with funding from the regional  
25 fisheries enhancement account established under RCW 75.50.100 or the  
26 regional fisheries enhancement salmonid recovery account established  
27 under RCW 75.50.125, shall be considered the property of the regional  
28 fisheries enhancement group making the purchase when the cost of the  
29 equipment or materials is less than five thousand dollars. No  
30 chargeback shall be made on these equipment and materials to the fish  
31 and wildlife equipment fund established in section 1 of this act. The  
32 regional fisheries enhancement group advisory board and the department  
33 shall develop guidelines for implementing this section.

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