
HOUSE BILL 1755

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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; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 77.12 RCW.

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

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

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

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

7 Equipment may be rented to any federal, state, county, or city
8 political subdivision or governmental agency, volunteer cooperatives,
9 fisheries regional enhancement groups, and entities engaged in salmon
10 recovery. The department may furnish operators for equipment. The
11 fish and wildlife equipment fund shall be credited with a reasonable
12 rental for equipment and a reasonable charge for operating equipment
13 assessed upon use of the equipment. The terms and charges for such
14 rentals and operating charges shall be solely within the discretion of
15 the department, and the determination of the terms and charges shall be
16 considered reasonable. Any entity renting equipment or using
17 department operators shall make payment for such rental and operating
18 charges directly to the fish and wildlife equipment fund and the office
19 of the department in Olympia.

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