

1681-S2

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

Brief Title: Establishing a program to purchase and plant privately grown trout.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to purchase privately produced fish to supplement existing department trout hatchery production. The planting of these catchable trout in water bodies with water quality sufficient to support fish life must not have an adverse impact on the wild trout population.

Provides that the fish and wildlife commission may authorize purchase of privately produced fish for the purposes of this act only if the cost of the program will be recovered by the estimated increase in revenue from license sales and federal funds directly attributable to the planting of these privately purchased fish.

Directs the department to report to the appropriate legislative committees by February 1, 2001, regarding the implementation of this act. The report shall include information regarding the location and number of fish planted, the size of the fish planted, and information relating to the cost-effectiveness of the catchable trout program, including an estimate of new license sales generated by the programs.