

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6353

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines, February 6, 2002  
Ways & Means, February 12, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to migratory bird stamps.

**Brief Description:** Increasing the fee for the migratory bird stamp from six dollars to eight dollars.

**Sponsors:** Senators Haugen, Oke and Jacobsen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines: 1/31/02, 2/6/02 [DPS-WM, DNP].

Ways & Means: 2/11/02, 2/12/02 [DP2S].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & SHORELINES

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6353 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Poulsen, Vice Chair; Hargrove, McDonald, Oke, Snyder and Spanel.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Morton and Stevens.

**Staff:** Ross Antipa (786-7413)

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** That Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 6353 be substituted therefor, and the second substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Brown, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Fraser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Long, Poulsen, Rasmussen, B. Sheldon, Snyder, Spanel, Thibaudeau and Winsley.

**Staff:** Richard Ramsey (786-7412)

**Background:** Current fees for a Washington State migratory bird stamp are \$6 for both hunters and collectors.

The migratory bird stamp requirement was created in 1985, at which time the fee was \$5. The fee was last increased from \$5 to \$6 in 1991.

**Summary of Second Substitute Bill:** The fee for a Washington State migratory bird stamp is increased from \$6 to \$10 for both hunters and collectors. Migratory bird stamp funds may not be used on private hunting clubs or on lands that charge a fee for access.

**Second Substitute Bill Compared to Substitute Bill:** Technical corrections are made to reflect that revenue may come from the license validation in addition to the stamp.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The fees are increased to \$10 rather than \$8 for a migratory bird stamp. Language is added to prevent use of migratory bird stamp funds on private hunting clubs or lands that charge for access.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 21, 2002.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** Migratory bird hunters support higher stamp fees in order to improve waterfowl habitat.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Ed Owens, Hunters Heritage Council; Rob Kavanaugh; Joan Arrabito, WA Waterfowl Assn.; Johnny R. Walker, WA State Migratory Waterfowl Art Committee; Steve Pozzanghera, Don Kraege, WDFW.