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**Fisheries, Ecology & Parks  
Committee**

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**HB 1725**

**Brief Description:** Concerning the cost of a catch record card.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Cooper and Upthegrove.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires a \$10 fee for an additional or duplicate catch record card and deposits these monies from the sale of catch record cards in the state wildlife fund.

**Hearing Date:** 2/20/03

**Staff:** Jeff Olsen (786-7157).

**Background:**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) currently requires recreational fishers to report their harvest activity on catch record cards for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, halibut and Dungeness crab. Catch record cards are provided free with the purchase of a license and must be used by recreational fishers to report each fish caught. Catch estimates generated by the catch record card system are used by the DFW to manage fisheries.

The director of the DFW must establish by rule the conditions and fees for issuing duplicate licenses. Fees for duplicate licenses, permits, tags and stamps may not exceed the actual cost for issuing the duplicate license.

**Summary of Bill:**

Additional or duplicate catch record cards cost ten dollars each. Funds received from the sale of catch record cards must be deposited in the wildlife fund. Fees for duplicate catch record cards may exceed the cost of issuing the duplicate card.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested February 17, 2003.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.