

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1211

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation, March 28, 2005  
Ways & Means, April 1, 2005

**Title:** An act relating to deer and elk hunting.

**Brief Description:** Concerning a multiple season big game permit.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Blake, B. Sullivan, Buck, Kretz, Eickmeyer and Armstrong; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/09/05, 96-0.

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation: 3/21/05, 3/28/05 [DP-WM, DNP].

Ways & Means: 3/31/05, 4/1/05 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Oke, Ranking Minority Member; Spanel and Swecker.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Morton.

**Staff:** Curt Gavigan (786-7437)

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair; Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Pflug, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Rockefeller, Schoesler and Thibaudeau.

**Staff:** Kirstan Arestad (786-7708)

**Background:** A big game license is required to hunt for big game, such as deer, elk, bear, and cougar. Several different big game combination packages are available. Each license package authorizes the hunting of specific species. The fee for a big game license depends on the combination package selected. Each big game license includes one transport tag for the species listed in the package chosen.

Annual big game combination, package four, allows the holder, at the time the permit is purchased, to choose to hunt either elk or deer. The fee for this license is thirty-six dollars for residents, three hundred sixty dollars for nonresidents, and eighteen dollars for youth.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife may, by rule, offer permits to hunt deer or elk during more than one general season under a multiple season big game permit. Only one deer or elk may be harvested annually under such permits. The fee for a multiple season big game permit is one hundred fifty dollars for residents and one thousand five hundred dollars for nonresidents.

A multiple season big game permit is considered a special permit, requiring payment of an application fee of five dollars for residents, fifty dollars for nonresidents, and three dollars for youth to enter a drawing for the chance to purchase a permit.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For (Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation):** Multiple season big game permits would increase the recreational hunting opportunities available to hunters. The sale of these permits would also provide revenues to the wildlife fund. Hunting with a variety of different weapons would be valuable to disabled hunters. Additionally, acquisition of a multiple season big game permit would be one of many hunting options and would not be mandatory.

**Testimony Against (Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation):** None.

**Who Testified (Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation):** PRO: Albert Vinetal, Persons with Disabilities; Dave Ware, Department of Fish and Wildlife; Ed Owens, Hunters Heritage Council.

**Testimony For (Ways & Means):** The multiple season big game permit will create more opportunities and generate more revenue for the department.

**Testimony Against (Ways & Means):** None.

**Who Testified (Ways & Means):** PRO: Representative Blake, prime sponsor.