

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5134

As Passed Senate, February 25, 2005

Title: An act relating to the disabled hunters and fishers advisory committee.

Brief Description: Making the disabled hunters and fishers advisory committee a permanent entity.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen, Oke and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation: 1/27/05, 1/31/05 [DP].
Passed Senate: 2/25/05, 46-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Doumit, Vice Chair; Fraser, Morton, Oke, Spanel and Swecker.

Staff: Vic Moon (786-7469)

Background: In 2001 the Legislature created an advisory committee to assist the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Fish and Wildlife Commission on matters relating to disabled hunters and fishers. The committee has helped establish policies to allow more handicapped persons hunt and fish. A report was prepared for the Legislature in 2004, and permanent status for the committee was recommended.

Summary of Bill: The Disabled Hunters and Fishers Advisory Committee is made permanent.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Testimony For: The advisory committee has been very productive and has assisted the Commission and Department on defining handicapped status and on providing access to the handicapped.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Albert Vincent, Advisory Committee to the Fish and Wildlife Commission on Persons With Disability; Ron Ozment, chair, Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission.