
HOUSE BILL 2147

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1 AN ACT Relating to sales tax on privately produced trout; amending
2 RCW 77.18.050; and adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.18.050 and 1999 c 363 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The legislature finds that it is beneficial to improve
7 opportunities for trout fishing in order to satisfy the public's demand
8 for recreational fishing during a time of declining opportunities to
9 catch anadromous salmon and steelhead trout.

10 Fish farmers can produce trout in a triploid genetic configuration
11 for the purpose of certifying that the fish are sterile and that they
12 cannot interbreed with wild trout. These fish are ideally suited to
13 planting into public lakes and ponds to provide immediate recreational
14 fishing at a reasonable cost. The fish continue to grow throughout
15 their life cycle and have the potential to grow to trophy size.

16 Planting of these catchable trout can provide increased angler
17 participation, increased fishing license sales, increased tourism
18 activities, and a boost to local economies.

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

6 The trout purchased by the department under this section are not
7 subject to the tax imposed under chapter 82.08 RCW.

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 82.08 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to trout purchased
11 by the department of fish and wildlife under chapter 77.18 RCW.

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