

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2799

As Passed House:
February 7, 2008

Title: An act relating to correcting references to the state wildlife account.

Brief Description: Correcting references to the state wildlife account.

Sponsors: By Representatives Loomis, Blake and Liias.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Agriculture & Natural Resources: 1/30/08 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/7/08, 95-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Corrects existing references to a state account from the antiquated name "Wildlife Fund" to the corrected "Wildlife Account."

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives Blake, Chair; Van De Wege, Vice Chair; Kretz, Ranking Minority Member; Warnick, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Eickmeyer, Grant, Lantz, Loomis, McCoy, Nelson, Newhouse and Orcutt.

Staff: Jason Callahan (786-7117).

Background:

The State Wildlife Account receives various revenues collected by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department). This revenue includes, among many items, the sales of many Department issued licenses and tags, administrative penalties, compensation for damages, advertisement sales, and a game fish excise tax. Monies in the Wildlife Account are used primarily to support Department activities.

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Prior to 2005, the Wildlife Account was legally named the Wildlife Fund. The Legislature changed the legal title to the Wildlife Account in 2005, but did not correct the existing cross-references.

Summary of Bill:

References to the antiquated name "Wildlife Fund" are corrected to reference the correct name, which is "Wildlife Account."

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This bill is a technical, one word change to make sure the statutes are internally consistent.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Loomis, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.