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1 AN ACT Relating to the advisory committee representing the
2 interests of hunters and fishers with disabilities; and amending RCW
3 77.04.150.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.150 and 2005 c 149 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The commission must appoint an advisory committee to generally
8 represent the interests of ((disabled)) hunters and fishers with
9 disabilities on matters including, but not limited to, special hunts,
10 modified sporting equipment, access to public land, and hunting and
11 fishing opportunities. The advisory committee is composed of seven
12 members, each being ((a person)) an individual with a disability. The
13 advisory committee members must represent the entire state. The
14 members must be appointed so that each of the six department
15 administrative regions, as they existed on January 1, ((2001)) 2007,
16 are represented with one resident on the advisory committee. One
17 additional member must be appointed at large. The chair of the
18 advisory committee must be a member of the advisory committee and shall
19 be selected by the members of the advisory committee.

1 (2) For the purposes of this section, (~~a person~~) an individual
2 with a disability includes but is not limited to:

3 (a) (~~A permanently disabled person~~) An individual with a
4 permanent disability who is not ambulatory over natural terrain without
5 a prosthesis or assistive device;

6 (b) (~~A permanently disabled person~~) An individual with a
7 permanent disability who is unable to walk without the use of
8 assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, wheelchair, scooter, walker, or
9 other assistive device;

10 (c) (~~A person~~) An individual who has a cardiac condition to the
11 extent that the (~~person's~~) individual's functional limitations are
12 severe;

13 (d) (~~A person~~) An individual who is restricted by lung disease to
14 the extent that the (~~person's~~) individual's functional limitations
15 are severe;

16 (e) (~~A person~~) An individual who is totally blind or visually
17 impaired; or

18 (f) (~~A permanently disabled person~~) An individual with a
19 permanent disability with upper or lower extremity impairments who does
20 not have the use of one or both upper or lower extremities.

21 (3) The members of the advisory committee are appointed for a four-
22 year term. If a vacancy occurs on the advisory committee prior to the
23 expiration of a term, the commission must appoint a replacement within
24 sixty days to complete the term.

25 (4) The advisory committee must meet at least semiannually, and may
26 meet at other times as requested by a majority of the advisory
27 committee members for any express purpose that directly relates to the
28 duties set forth in subsection (1) of this section. A majority of
29 members currently serving on the advisory committee constitutes a
30 quorum. The department must provide staff support for all official
31 advisory committee meetings.

32 (5) Each member of the advisory committee shall serve without
33 compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized in
34 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

35 (6) The members of the advisory committee, or individuals acting on
36 their behalf, are immune from civil liability for official acts
37 performed in the course of their duties.

1 (7) (~~The provisions of this section constitute a pilot program~~
2 ~~that expires July 1, 2008.~~ On) Beginning December 1, ((2007)) 2011,
3 and again at least once every four years, the commission shall present
4 a report to the appropriate legislative committees detailing the
5 effectiveness of the advisory committee((7)) including, but not limited
6 to, the participation levels, general interest, quality of advice, and
7 recommendations as to the advisory committee's continuance or
8 modification.

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