

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5268

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating the fish and wildlife equipment revolving account.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Jacobsen and Shin; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife).

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation
House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
House Committee on General Government Appropriations

Background: The predominant source of funding for Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) activities comes from the two primary state accounts, the General Fund and Wildlife Account, which provide over half of DFW's funding. Federal, private, and local sources also provide significant funding for agency activities, including through contracts with DFW.

In addition to the operation of its programs, DFW purchases, maintains, and repairs vehicles using these funding sources and accounts. According to DFW, the agency operates approximately 1,150 vehicles, 141 off-road vehicles, 355 vessels, and 163 pieces of heavy equipment.

Among the natural resource agencies, the Legislature has authorized the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to manage the Natural Resources Equipment Fund. DNR is authorized to use this non-appropriated account to purchase, repair, and maintain equipment, machinery, and supplies.

Summary: The Fish and Wildlife Equipment Revolving Account (account) is created. The account is a non-appropriated account, and only the Director of Fish and Wildlife, or the Director's designee, may authorize expenditures. DFW may only use funds in the account for the purchase, lease, operation, repair, and maintenance of vehicles, vessels, and heavy equipment (collectively equipment).

DFW must reimburse the account for all expenditures from the account. DFW may choose to prorate reimbursements to the account over the useful life of the vehicle, vessel, or heavy equipment purchased. Reimbursements may come from legislative appropriations or other sources.

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The terms and charges for the intra-agency use or for the disposal of equipment are solely within DFW's discretion.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	45	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: July 26, 2009