

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5881

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources & Parks, February 19, 2015

Title: An act relating to providing a group fishing permit for certain programs for at-risk youth.

Brief Description: Providing a group fishing permit for certain programs for at-risk youth.

Sponsors: Senators Pearson, Chase and Hasegawa.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Natural Resources & Parks: 2/18/15, 2/19/15 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pearson, Chair; Dansel, Vice Chair; Hatfield, Ranking Minority Member; Chase, Hewitt, McAuliffe and Warnick.

Staff: Bonnie Kim (786-7316)

Background: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is responsible for issuing hunting and fishing licenses at fees set in statute. The fees are generally set at a rate for an adult state resident, an elevated rate for a non-state resident, and a reduced rate for a youth participant or resident senior. Reduced rate licenses are also available to individuals with certain disabilities, certain veterans, and for group or combination licenses and permits.

Summary of Bill: When issuing a group fishing permit, WDFW must provide, at no charge, any applicable catch record cards. WDFW must issue a group fishing permit on a seasonal basis to a state or local agency, or nonprofit organization operating a program for at-risk youth.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill will encourage at-risk youth to fish and appreciate our resources in the future.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Pearson, prime sponsor.