
SENATE BILL 5051

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1 AN ACT Relating to fish and wildlife enforcement; creating new
2 sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that protection of the
5 state's fish and wildlife resource is in transition. As the state's
6 population increases, preservation of the state's fish and wildlife
7 resources will require a greater emphasis on enforcement and
8 regulations designed to preserve the resource and allow recreational
9 opportunities.

10 The legislature further finds there is a growing need for
11 investigative capability and technical sophistication in prosecuting
12 fish and wildlife resource violations. The legislature desires to
13 provide better coordination and use of enforcement personnel, to
14 eliminate duplication between the department of fisheries and the
15 department of wildlife, and to provide more enforcement presence in the
16 field.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature directs the department of
2 fisheries and the department of wildlife to prepare a study and report
3 to the legislature. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

4 (1) Developing ways for the department of fisheries and the
5 department of wildlife to achieve better coordination of existing
6 enforcement personnel;

7 (2) Developing ways to better coordinate use of enforcement
8 vessels, planes, and motor vehicles between existing enforcement staff;

9 (3) Providing a recommendation as to whether the enforcement
10 programs of the department of fisheries and the department of wildlife
11 should be combined into a single program, and if so, recommend where
12 the program should be headquartered; and

13 (4) Identifying the costs, if any, of combining the department of
14 fisheries and the department of wildlife enforcement programs.

15 The study shall be completed and provided to the appropriate
16 legislative committees no later than November 30, 1993.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The directors of the department of fisheries
18 and the department of wildlife shall appoint an advisory group to help
19 prepare the report listed in section 2 of this act. The advisory group
20 shall consist of:

21 (1) One person each from the department of fisheries and the
22 department of wildlife enforcement administrative staff;

23 (2) One person each from the department of fisheries and the
24 department of wildlife enforcement bargaining units;

25 (3) Two constituents appointed by the director of the department of
26 fisheries;

27 (4) Two constituents appointed by the director of the department of
28 wildlife; and

29 (5) One person each from the four legislative caucuses, as selected
30 by the leader of each caucus.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
33 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
34 effect July 1, 1993.

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