

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5108

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As Passed Senate, March 11, 1995

**Title:** An act relating to hunting licenses.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the hunter education training program.

**Sponsors:** Senators Snyder, Winsley and Palmer.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources: 2/10/95, 2/28/95 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 3/11/95, 44-1.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Drew, Chair; Spanel, Vice Chair; A. Anderson, Hargrove, Haugen, Oke, Owen, Snyder and Swecker.

**Staff:** Ross Antipa (786-7413)

**Background:** Hunter education requirements were changed in January 1, 1995, to require all persons born after January 1, 1972, to present a hunter safety certification in order to purchase a hunting license.

There is concern that many persons who were born after January 1, 1972, who intend to purchase a hunting license, are not aware of, or cannot comply with, the new requirement to present a hunter safety certificate in order to purchase a hunting license.

**Summary of Bill:** Hunter education requirements for persons over 18 years old are repealed.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** Many first time hunters born after January 1, 1972 have not retained their hunter safety certification and would not be able to qualify to purchase a hunting license.

**Testimony Against:** Hunter safety certification should be required to all hunters born after January 1, 1972.

**Testified:** Glenn Ryan, WA Hunter Education Instructor Association; Milton Gudgell; Dave Britnell, Department of Fish and Wildlife.

