

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 5253

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### As Passed House-Amended:

April 11, 1997

**Title:** An act relating to nonresident juvenile fishing licenses.

**Brief Description:** Allowing nonresidents under the age of fifteen to obtain a free fishing license.

**Sponsors:** Senators Strannigan, Oke, Hargrove, Roach, Morton, Swecker, Horn and Winsley.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Natural Resources: 3/21/97, 4/3/97 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House-Amended: 4/11/97, 97-0.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Buck, Chairman; Sump, Vice Chairman; Thompson, Vice Chairman; Regala, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander; Anderson and Hatfield.

**Minority Report:** Without recommendation. Signed by 3 members: Representatives Chandler; Pennington and Sheldon.

**Staff:** Rick Anderson (786-7114).

**Background:** A game fish license entitles a person to fish for trout. Resident youths under 15 years of age are not required to have a game fish license. Nonresident youths under 15 years of age are required to pay \$20 for a game fish license.

**Summary of Bill:** A game fish license is not required for nonresidents under the age of 15, if the youth is fishing with an adult who holds a current game fish license. The total catch limited for the youth and adult fishing on one license is the total number of fish allowed by one license. A non-resident under 15 must pay \$20 for a game fish license if the youth is not fishing with a licensed adult or if the youth wishes to have a complete catch limit.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For:** The bill will encourage juvenile fishing and have a very minor fiscal impact.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Evan Jacoby, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (pro).