

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS24824

This bill increases set-asides from permits or tags directed to three set-aside accounts designated for specific functions to offset funds from the fish and game account used for these functions. These changes do not affect current fees for the affected permits or tags but are a redistribution of dedicated revenue to facilitate administration of these programs. A proportional set-aside is proposed for the salmon and steelhead account because it can be feasibly administered from resident and nonresident salmon and steelhead permits, which do not have substantially disparate prices and will ensure the set-aside keeps pace with any future fee revisions. A traditional approach of a flat fee set-aside from pronghorn, deer, and elk tags, of which there are multiple types of resident and nonresident tags, is retained for the feeding account exclusively for winter feeding, and the control of depredation of private property account. This approach is used because of the complexity of administering many types of tags with disparate prices. This bill also authorizes expenditures from the feeding account for activities directly related to winter feeding, such as the labor to spread pellets or to plant forage. The related set-aside distributions from eighth class licenses (sportsman's pak licenses) are also revised for consistency.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. This bill affects the distribution of funds between the fish and game account and set-aside accounts but there is no fiscal impact to the total amount of dedicated revenue. There would be an estimated increase in the salmon and steelhead set-aside account of \$270,190, with a corollary decrease to the fish and game account. There would also be an estimated increase in the winterfeed account and the control of depredation of private property account of \$248,501 each for a total redistribution of \$497,002, with a corollary decrease in the fish and game account. The combined total of redistribution of funds from the fish and game account to these set-aside accounts would be \$767,192.

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