

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25271

This bill modifies the set-aside from salmon and steelhead permits that is directed to the fish and game set-aside account designated for specific functions. This is proposed to ensure funds from the fish and game account currently used for these functions are specifically available for the set-aside functions. The change in the set-aside does not affect current fees for the affected permits but are a redistribution of dedicated revenue to more transparently support statutory functions of the set-aside account. A proportional set-aside from salmon and steelhead permits is proposed 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. The related set-aside distribution from eighth class licenses (sportsman's pak licenses) is 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 the set-aside account 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.

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