

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

June 8, 1993           Hearing Room D 3:40 p.m.   Tape 45

MEMBERS PRESENT:   Rep. Ray Baum, Chair Rep. Carl Hosticka, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Marilyn Dell Rep. Sam Dominy Rep. Dennis Luke Rep. Bill Markham  
Rep. Chuck Norris Rep. Nancy Peterson Rep. Bob Repine Rep. Liz  
VanLeeuwen

MEMBER EXCUSED:    Rep. Bill Fisher Rep. Tim Josi

STAFF PRESENT:           Kathryn Van Natta, Committee Administrator  
Catherine Fitch, Committee Administrator Karen McCormac, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED:           Work Session - HB 2580 - HB 3357 - HB 3358  
- HB 3512 - HB 3649

WITNESS:                    REP. LARRY SOWA

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TAPE 45, SIDE A

005    CHAIR BAUM:   Calls meeting to order at 3:48 p.m.

OPENS WORK SESSION ON HB 3649

015   CATHERINE FITCH: House Bill 3649 was originally sponsored by Rep. Larry Sowa. It creates a Wildlife Access and Habitat Board within the

Department of Fish and Wildlife, and begins to address concerns about

wildlife damage to private land. This measure also establishes the newly-created board to advise the Fish and Wildlife Commission, establishes a \$2 surcharge on hunting licenses to be used for access and habitat programs, modifies license and tag

fees for nonresidents, increases the maximum percentage of tags allowed to be issued to nonresidents to 5%, allows deer and elk tags to be

purchased at auction and used on private lands with no more than 50% of the revenue going to the landowner when that landowner participates in

habitat improvements.

It also creates a waterfowl and upland bird stamp nonresident fee,

repeals the sunset on Upland Bird Stamp program, authorizes a reduction in federal taxable income for the amount of wildlife damage to processed crops, and authorizes a state personal income tax, corporation excise and income tax credit for wildlife feeding contributions.

034 REP. VanLEEuwEN: Do the amendments establish that ODFW budget funds be set aside?

046 FITCH: Yes.

050 REP. REPINE: Is there a whole series of other fee increases?

052 CHAIR BAUM: Yes. This bill has a subsequent referral both to the Revenue Committee and the House Committee on Appropriations.

070 REP. DOMINY: On Page 5, Line 7, we reduced the nonresident annual hunting fee from \$125 to \$50. We reduced the cost of the overall tag,

and increased the cost of individual tags.

076 CHAIR BAUM: They pay more for their license than they did before.

079 REP. PETERSON: Did hunter organizations testify in support of this bill?

083 REP. LARRY SOWA: We worked with every group we could think of. Some may have had reservations about certain parts of the bill, but there was no direct opposition. The 15% in the Staff Measure Summary regarding the

"effect of committee amendments" should be "from" instead of "for" the "green forage and DEAR programs."

101 REP. PETERSON: Were there any groups which were adamantly opposed to this bill?

102 REP. SOWA: No.

104 REP. VanLEEuwEN: Some of us had reservations in creating this new Access and Habitat Board. However, we learned that it would be very

similar to the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board, which seems to be working quite well.

108 REP. SOWA: Yes.

Addresses concerns about increase in nonresident fees. In reality, there is no net gain or loss to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

When a nonresident applies for a controlled hunt, they have to buy their hunting license, and then they buy their tags. The tag money is refundable, but the license money is not. We lowered the amount of

money we have to put up front, and charge them the same amount that we saved them in tag fees. 117 REP. REPINE: One of the concerns I've heard regarding controlled hunts is that when someone puts in for the draw, it's such a lengthy process

that they end up giving up and going to other states. Does this bill speed up the process?

129 REP. SOWA: In this bill, we say that if you're unsuccessful in your hunt, there is a point system which more or less assures that you'll get a tag next year. Another bill currently on the Governor's desk raises

the agent's fee and allows agents which sell over 3,000 licenses to refund that money to the department, which will fund a computer system.

146 MOTION: REP. VanLEEuwEN: Moves HB 3649 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED BY THE HB 3649-4 AMENDMENTS, (LC 3926), dated 6-2-93, by the Subcommittee on Agriculture and Forestry, WITH A SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO REVENUE.

153 CHAIR BAUM: Restates motion and calls for discussion.

VOTE: REPS. DELL, DOMINY, HOSTICKA, LUKE, MARKHAM, NORRIS, PETERSON, REPINE, VanLEEuwEN and CHAIR BAUM vote AYE. REPS. FISHER and JOSI are EXCUSED.

170 CHAIR BAUM: The motion CARRIES.

Addition to the record: HB 3649 Staff Measure Summary and Fiscal Analysis (EXHIBIT A) HB 3649 Hand-Engrossed with HB 3649-4 Amendments (LC 3926), 6-2-93

(EXHIBIT B)

CLOSES WORK SESSION ON HB 3649

Adjourns meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Karen McCormac  
Administrator

Kathryn Van Natta Assistant

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - HB 3649 Staff Measure Summary and Fiscal Analysis - Staff - 4 pages  
B - HB 3649 Hand-Engrossed with HB 3649-4 Amendments (LC 3926), 6-2-93 - Staff - 18 pages