

2013 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1370

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House Energy and Natural Resources

Pioneer Room, State Capital

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Relating to hunting and fishing license fees

Minutes:

Rep. Porter: We will open the hearing on HB 1370. HB 1370 is a bill that Rep. Kempenich put in. During this session we have had discussions on fees and the game and fish monies. The director may not raise the fees by more than 20% and there projected balances in the reserve account have to stay inside of \$15,000.000 and \$27,000.000 ceiling.

Rep. Froseth: How did you arrive at the \$27,000.000?

Rep. Porter: That is a question for Rep. Kempenich. There is no magic behind that; we can decide where the ceiling should be.

Rep. Silbernagel: Would this be another tool in the basket for Game and Fish to tweak some of their efforts to increase tags on a timely bases.

Rep. Porter: Yes.

Rep. Hunsakor: The license fees would then be set by Game and Fish at their leisure?

Rep. Porter: That is correct the Game and Fish wouldn't set the fees the governor would.

Rep. Kelsh: I think this bill is a good compromise but what if the reserves were falling below the floor.

Rep. Porter: They would have a 40% leeway until we would come into session and then we would have the ability to set back in and tweak that if it was necessary.

Bill Helfrey: N.D. Bow Hunters Association: Our association feels this is the right thing to do to help Game and Fish to work in a timely manner so we ask for a do pass to this HB 1370.

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Rep. Porter: We will close the hearing on HB 1370

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Rep. Porter: We have HB 1370 in front of us

Rep. Keiser: I am going to oppose this bill. It takes citizens out of contact with the legislatures.

Rep. Porter: Under this section the fees would be administrative rule in the normal process and not the proclamation and so the Department would set them and they would go to the administrative rules legislative committee.

Rep. Keiser: On the administrative rules you cannot change any rule that is made unless you can prove that it is inconsistent with the law that was passed.

Rep. Silbernagel: The feedback that I have been receiving from many groups supports greater flexibility for the game and fish department. It is less of a financial issue than it is another tool in the box to help them do a better job of managing our resources.

Rep. Porter: We have a motion for a do pass on HB 1370 seconded by Rep. Kelsh. Motion pass.

Yes 9 No 4 Absent 0 Carrier Rep. Silbernagel

Date: 2-1-2013
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1370

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Legislative Council Amendment Number Rep. Silbernagel

Action Taken _____

Motion Made By Rep. Silbernagel Seconded By Rep. Kelsh

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Todd Porter	✓		Rep. Bob Hunsakor	✓	
Vice Chairman Chuck Damschen	✓		Rep. Scot Kelsh	✓	
Rep. Jim Schmidt	✓		Rep. Corey Mock		✓
Rep. Glen Froseth	✓	✓			
Rep. Curt Hofstad	✓				
Rep. Dick Anderson	✓				
Rep. Peter Silbernagel	✓				
Rep. Mike Nathe	✓				
Rep. Roger Brabandt		✓			
Rep. George Keiser		✓			

Total (Yes) 9 No 4

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Silbernagel

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

DO Pass

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1370: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1370 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.