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18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 435, L.D. 577, Bill, "An
20	Act to Allow Noncommercial Whitewater Rafting Clubs to Submit More than One Amended Membership List in Any Calendar Year"
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24	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
26	'An Act to Allow Noncommercial Whitewater Rafting Clubs to Submit Names of Dues-paying Members Only'
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30	Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph A and inserting in its place the following:
32	'A. A list that includes the name, legal residence and home telephone number of each <u>dues-paying</u> member of the club.
34	That list must identify a member as the president of the club and must identify any other officers or board members
36	of the club. An officer or a board member of the club may not be a commercial whitewater outfitter or a licensed
38	whitewater guide. The commissioner may not accept more than one amended membership list from a club in any calendar
40	year - Only - those - persons - whose - names - appear - on - a - list - filed under - this - paragraph - may - participate - in - a - rafting - trip - of
42	that-elub-on-any-rapidly-flowing-river;'
44	Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 435, L.D. 577

Sec. 2. Report to the Legislature. By January 15, 2001, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters regarding the impact of this Act on other commercial and noncommercial whitewater rafting organizations and outfitters. This report shall identify any safety or overcrowding issues or concerns, including any complaints relating to lost business by commercial outfitters.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires noncommercial whitewater rafting clubs to submit only annual lists of dues-paying members and eliminates the requirement that only members whose names appear on the lists may participate in rafting trips. This amendment also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters with regard to the impact of this legislation and safety and overcrowding concerns. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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