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16	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " H" to H.P. 868, L.D. 1225, "Resolve,
20	to Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Review Rules for Compliance with the Americans With Disabilities
22	Act"
24	Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and
26	inserting in its place the following:
	'Sec. 1. Report. Resolved: That no later than January 1, 2001,
28	the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
30	jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the following items:
32	1. The type and number of unconventional or special
34	1. The type and number of unconventional or special privilege licenses currently authorized for issuance by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for any type of
36	disability, including a temporary disability;
38	2. Criteria and standards used by the department to determine eligibility for such licenses;
40	3. Guidelines for establishing reciprocity with other
42	 Guidelines for establishing reciprocity with other states on such licenses;
44	4. Recommendations for improving the promotion of hunting and fishing opportunities in the State to the disabled community;
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48	5. Recommendations on the use of special or group hunts or special seasons for the disabled and on allowing another person to assist a disabled person to hunt or fish; and

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2 6. A discussion of any safety issues that may be associated with hunting or fishing by disabled persons, and recommendations
4 to address any issues identified.

6 In preparing this report, the commissioner shall consult with the Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, interested 8 parties, the medical community, persons with disabilities and groups representing disabled persons; and be it further

Sec. 2. Legislation authorized. Resolved: That the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may report out a bill on the issue of expanding hunting and fishing opportunities for persons with a disability to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.'

18 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

24 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the 26 Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

32 This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment requires Commissioner Inland Fisheries Wildlife the of and to comprehensively review the issue of expanding hunting and fishing 34 opportunities to disabled persons and to report the findings and 36 recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 1, 2001. The report must include a review of the department's current authority to issue 38 unconventional or special privilege licenses for any type of disability, including temporary disabilities, and the criteria 40 and standards used by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to determine eligibility for such licenses. The report 42 must also include recommendations for improving the promotion of 44 hunting and fishing opportunities in the State to the disabled community, on the use of special or group hunts or special seasons for the disabled, on allowing another person to assist a 46 disabled person to hunt or fish and on methods to address any safety issues that may be associated with hunting or fishing by 48 disabled persons.

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The amendment also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report out a bill on the issue of expanding hunting and fishing opportunities for persons with a disability to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

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The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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