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Senate Bill 333 (as reported without amendment)**Sponsor:** Senator Vern Ehlers**Committee:** Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs**Date Completed:** 10-8-87***RATIONALE***

The trout is designated as the State fish of Michigan. According to the Department of Natural Resources there are four species of trout — the brook, brown, rainbow, and lake. This has resulted in nonspecific depictions of the State fish showing parts from the various species. Since the brook trout is the only trout native to Michigan, it has been suggested that the brook trout, rather than just trout, be designated as the State fish.

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 58 of 1965 (which established the trout as the State fish for Michigan) to change from the "trout" to "brook trout", the fish designated as the official fish of the State of Michigan.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

ARGUMENTS***Supporting Argument***

The bill would designate the State's only native trout, the brook trout, as the official State fish. By specifying the brook trout as the State fish, thus distinguishing it from the other three species of trout, the bill would eliminate any problems that have arisen in properly depicting the State fish.

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