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HUNTING AND FISHING HARASSMENT PREVENTION FUND

House Bill 5366
Sponsor: Rep. Allen Lowe
**Committee: Conservation, Environment
and Recreation**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5366 AS INTRODUCED 11-13-97

Part 435 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), which regulates hunting and fishing licensing, specifies that money received from the sale of passbooks and licenses must be credited to the Game and Fish Protection Fund. Except for a percentage of fees that are used for related educational and support services, expenditures from the fund can only be used to enforce fish and game laws. House Bill 5366 would amend the act as follows:

Hunting and Fishing Harassment Prevention Fund. The bill would establish a Hunting and Fishing Harassment Prevention Fund, and would specify that twenty-five cents from each license and stamp fee collected, including commercial and sport fishing fees, be deposited in the Hunting and Fishing Harassment Prevention Fund, and expended for the following purposes:

- For rewards for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of those who violate provisions of the act that prohibit a person from interfering with hunters', anglers', or commercial fishers' activities.
- For a promotional and educational campaign to inform the general public about the rewards proposed under the bill, or about the laws that protect hunters, anglers, and commercial fishers from harassment.

Contributions. In addition, House Bill 5366 would permit a person who purchased a hunting or fishing license or stamp to make a voluntary contribution, in any amount, to the Hunting and Fishing Harassment Prevention Fund. A contributor could purchase one or more conservation law enforcement stamps from a person authorized to issue licenses and sport cards.

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