

SESSION OF 2005

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2116**

As Agreed to April 1, 2005

Brief*

The bill would create four new statutory funds for the Department of Wildlife and Parks, into which federal moneys would be deposited. The bill would establish the statutory purposes for which expenditures could be made by the Department of Wildlife and Parks from these funds, subject to appropriations by the Legislature:

- Boating Fund—Federal
- Wildlife Conservation Fund—Federal
- Wildlife Fund—Federal
- Non-game Wildlife Improvement Fund—Federal

Background

These funds were established in the 2004 FY 2005 appropriations bill at the request of the Division of the Budget in order to insure the accurate reporting of federal fund expenditures by the Department of Wildlife and Parks. The bill would require that moneys in these funds to be used for programs as authorized by state and federal law in order to provide the same statutory protection that statutory state fee funds have been given. The Secretary of Wildlife and Parks testified in support of this bill. No other conferees appeared.

The House Committee of the Whole amendment concerning antelope permits was offered by Representative Powell and would have allowed antelope permits to be transferred by any landowner or

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tenant, who possesses such permits, to any other resident or nonresident, upon request to the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks. The provision would have provided the Secretary shall transfer such permits and could charge a transfer fee of not more than \$50. The Senate Committee on Ways and Means removed this provision.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to incorporate the provisions of SB 195 relating to the Department of Revenue's disposition of firearms seized in conjunction with various tax warrants.

The Conference Committee agreed to include only the provisions in the bill as introduced.