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SENATE BILL 248

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Senate Bill 248 adds an executive administrator to the Big Game Commercial Services Board. The addition of such a position would support the Board as they look at the licenses they oversee, including registered guide-outfitters, master guide-outfitters, and transporters. An Executive Administrator assigned to this Board would be a complex job that requires the employee to work with multiple departments, generate reports, and assist Investigative Services and the Department of Public Safety in investigations.

The lack of this position is felt whenever a new individual comes in to fulfill these responsibilities as a licensing examiner. Being a licensing examiner has become a bit of a steppingstone position, and each turnover requires training from the ground up. This has led to some administrative errors that were highlighted in the recent audit of the Board. While the Board has been sharing an executive administrator with the Board of Marine Pilots, it has not fully resolved the issues, as both boards need much more than half of that persons time. This bill seeks to address those issues by providing a position that would encourage consistency in support of the Board and its functions.

The Big Game Commercial Services Board plays an important role in the management of commercial game hunters in the interest of the State's wildlife resources. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.