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SENATE BILL 182

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Extend Big Game Commercial Services Board

Senate Bill 182 extends the termination date for the Big Game Commercial Services Board until June 30th, 2032. The board consists of two licensed registered guide outfitters, two licensed transporters, two private landholders affected by guided hunting activities or transportation, two public members, and one member from the Board of Game.

Legislative Audit conducted their review of this board and concluded that the board operated in the public's interest by conducting its meetings in an effective manner, supporting statutory changes when deemed necessary, and actively amending regulations. The audit also concludes that board licenses were not consistently supported by adequate documentation and two private landholder board seats were vacant or had absences for extended periods.

The Big Game Commercial Services Board plays an important role in managing the activities of commercial game hunters in the interest of the State's wildlife resources.