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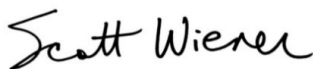
Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated May 27, 2025, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Control Section 28.00 in the *2024-25 Budget Act*, of a request from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to increase its federal expenditure authority by \$23,151,000. You requested JLBC waive the 30-day review period.

In April, DFW was awarded federal grant funding from the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program, the Sport Fish Restoration Act Grant Program and the Pittman-Robertson Act Grant Program to support existing ecosystem restoration projects. Much of the funding is pass-through money which will be used by grantees to pay staff and contractors.

I have reviewed the notification letter and concur with the request. In addition, I waive the remainder of the review period to ensure DFW can pay grantees before the end of the fiscal year.

Sincerely,



Scott Wiener  
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee