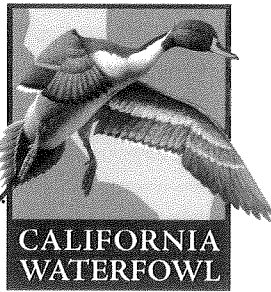


The Honorable Jared Huffman, Chair
Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Com.
1020 N Street, Suite 160
Sacramento, CA 95814



June 5, 2012

RE: SB 1288 (Harman) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Huffman:

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) urges your support of SB 1288 (Harman), which would require the Department of Fish and Game to issue a reduced fee hunting license to recovering service members, subject to specified requirements.

SB 1288 would help support injured active duty service members (also known as “Wounded Warriors”) who do not qualify for a reduced fee disabled veteran hunting license, as currently authorized under the F&G Code. The bill would not only encourage more service members to participate in the outdoors (which many enjoyed prior to their injury or entering the military), but also aid in their physical rehabilitation. In addition, SB 1288 would provide long overdue hunting license fee parity between disabled veterans and active duty military personnel who are recovering from service-related injuries.

Please note that similar legislation in other states has had minimal fiscal affect on their Fish and Game Department budgets. Because service personnel would have to 1) show each year with appropriate documentation that they currently qualify for the reduced fee license and 2) have no F&G violations on their record, SB 1288 also appropriately targets those current military personnel most deserving of a reduced fee license.

For these reasons, please support this measure when it is considered before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Hennelly", written in a cursive style.

Mark Hennelly, Vice President
Legislative Affairs and Public Policy

Cc: Members, Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee
The Honorable Tom Harman, Senator, 35th District