REGULAR CALENDAR

January 28, 2026

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Minority of the Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources to which was referred HB 1167,

AN ACT enabling the use of ferrets for hunting. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Cathryn Harvey

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

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Cc: Committee Bill File

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Fish and Game and Marine Resources**
Bill Number:	**HB 1167**
Title:	**enabling the use of ferrets for hunting.**
Date:	**January 28, 2026**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This is a bill that repeals the prohibition is possessing a ferret while hunting or while on the way to and from hunting. All democrats on the committee opposed the bill. The expressed concern was the risk of ferrets spreading diseases and parasites or getting loose and preying on native wildlife. Ferrets are vicious hunters. The Fish and Game Department also opposes the bill. They testified that there has never been a request for the bill. In fact, they questioned in their testimony whether the bill would lead to a pathway for a ferret season. The creation and administration of such a season would be extremely costly for the Fish and Game Department.

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