## HOUES BILL 356

Introduced by Phillips, et al.

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1/24	Referred to Fish & Game
2/14	Hearing
2/15	Committee ReportBill Passed
2/18	2nd Reading Do Pass Motion Failed

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