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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5130**

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**By** Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Metcalf and Owen).

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1       AN ACT Relating to the department of wildlife; and adding new  
2 sections to chapter 77.12 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**       The director shall examine the  
5 expenditures of the department and shall segregate them into two  
6 categories:

7       (1) Activities that involve hunting, fishing, trapping, and other  
8 recreational pursuits that consumptively harvest wildlife; and

9       (2) Other department activities such as nonconsumptive programs,  
10 endangered species protection, environmental permits, research, habitat  
11 management, and other related programs.

12       The legislative budget committee shall examine the operations of  
13 the department of wildlife and shall determine the appropriate division  
14 of department expenditures between subsections (1) and (2) of this  
15 section. On the effective date of this section, the director shall

1 operate the department in such a manner as to be in compliance with  
2 legislative budget committee findings in order to ensure that the  
3 hunting, fishing, and trapping license and tag fees and revenue derived  
4 from the federal tax on hunting and fishing equipment will be used only  
5 for consumptive programs under subsection (1) of this section.

6 Nonconsumptive programs under subsection (2) of this section shall  
7 be funded from general fund appropriation and revenue from personalized  
8 license plates. The director shall allocate funds for nonconsumptive  
9 programs in such a manner to be in compliance with legislative budget  
10 committee findings.

11 Revenue from other sources shall be divided between the two  
12 categories by the director in compliance with legislative budget  
13 committee findings in such a manner as to reflect the direct cost  
14 attributable to consumptive and nonconsumptive activities for which the  
15 funding is provided. Department activities that benefit both  
16 consumptive and nonconsumptive activities shall be prorated by the  
17 director for purposes of funding.

18 The director shall consult with the appropriate house of  
19 representatives and senate committees for the purpose of providing  
20 information on the division of expenditures between consumptive and  
21 nonconsumptive programs.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The director and commission shall  
23 conduct an ongoing analysis of the expenditures for consumptive  
24 programs and for nonconsumptive programs.

25 The director and commission shall make recommendations to the  
26 legislature on the need for changing the rates of hunting and fishing  
27 fees in order to provide funding for consumptive programs. The  
28 wildlife commission shall conduct at least three public hearings  
29 annually for the purpose of informing the public about department

1 funding needs and to solicit public testimony on the desires of the  
2 outdoor sports-oriented people in the state.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each  
4 added to chapter 77.12 RCW.