

1 **SSB 6231** - H COMM AMDS

2 By Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife

3 On page 1, strike all of section 1 and insert:

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter  
5 77.12 RCW to read as follows:

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 77.16.020, a person may  
7 kill a bear or cougar that is reasonably perceived to be a threat  
8 to human life."

9 On page 1, beginning on line 12, after "is" strike all  
10 material through "property" on line 13 and insert "((damaging  
11 crops, domestic animals, fowl, or other property)) reasonably  
12 perceived to be a threat to human life, domestic animals, or fowl,  
13 or is damaging crops or other property"

14 On page 2, beginning on line 1, after "a" strike all material  
15 through "property" on line 2 and insert: "((real and immediate  
16 threat to crops, domestic animals, fowl, or other property))  
17 threat to human life, domestic animals, or fowl, or a real and  
18 immediate threat to crops or other property"

19 On page 2, beginning on line 7, after "is" strike all material  
20 through "property" on line 8 and insert "((damaging crops, domestic  
21 animals, fowl, or other property)) reasonably perceived to be a  
22 threat to human life, domestic animals, or fowl, or is damaging  
23 crops or other property"

24 EFFECT: Places the new section in chapter 77.12 RCW instead  
25 of chapter 16.52 RCW. Changes the standard for legal killing

1 of a bear or cougar from reasonable perception that the animal  
2 is an unavoidable and immediate threat to human life, to  
3 reasonable perception that the animal is a threat to human  
4 life. Makes the standard for killing an animal on one's own  
5 property due to a threat to human life consistent. Changes  
6 the standard for killing certain animals due to damage to a  
7 domestic animal or fowl from actually damaging such domestic  
8 animals or fowl to a reasonable perception that such animals  
9 are a threat to domestic animals or fowl.