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HOUSE BILL 2573

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By Representatives King, Fuhrman, Orr, Van Luven, Hansen, Sheldon, Chappell, Rayburn, Basich, Quall and Scott

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1 AN ACT Relating to game management; amending RCW 77.04.055; and  
2 providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.055 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 62 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) In establishing policies to preserve, protect, and perpetuate  
7 wildlife, game fish, and wildlife and game fish habitat, the commission  
8 shall meet annually with the governor to:

9 (a) Review and prescribe basic goals and objectives related to  
10 those policies; and

11 (b) Review the performance of the department in implementing game  
12 fish and wildlife policies.

13 The commission shall maximize game fish, hunting, and outdoor  
14 recreational opportunities compatible with healthy and diverse fish and  
15 wildlife populations.

16 (2) The commission shall establish hunting, trapping, and fishing  
17 seasons and prescribe the time, place, manner, and methods that may be  
18 used to harvest or enjoy game fish and wildlife. In so doing the  
19 commission shall:

1        (a) Not prescribe a penalty or discriminatory conditions for those  
2 who may be eligible for a special sex elk or deer permit application;

3        (b) Establish uniform controls for special either-sex harvest of  
4 elk and deer so that all hunter groups, modern, archery, and  
5 muzzleloader, in all areas come under the same requirements for the  
6 taking of does, fawns, cows, calves, or either-sex permits;

7        (c) Prohibit the hunting of elk from September 1 through October 15  
8 to avoid the disruption of their mating cycle; and

9        (d) Require elk and deer hunters under the age of eighteen years to  
10 mandatorily wear "hunter orange" and make it optional for those over  
11 eighteen years of age.

12        NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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