
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6449

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation
(originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to master wildlife-viewing guides; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 77.12 RCW.

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

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

6 (1) The department is authorized to work with wildlife and
7 ecotourism guides and nonprofit wildlife conservation organizations to
8 identify professional practices and competencies, to implement a
9 program of recognizing master wildlife guides, and to support wildlife-
10 viewing tour operators as ambassadors for Washington's fish and
11 wildlife.

12 (2) Program elements that may be addressed include but are not
13 limited to:

14 (a) Working with guides, tour operators, and nonprofit wildlife
15 conservation organizations to develop best management practices for
16 viewing wildlife and to create a code of ethics for tour operators and
17 wildlife guides that sustains and promotes wildlife resources;

18 (b) Developing a program to recognize professional competence for
19 designation as a master wildlife guide;

1 (c) Developing a nature tourism enterprise training workshop, to
2 assist individuals and businesses engaged in wildlife tours and as
3 guides, to provide training and education that will lead to
4 opportunities for displaced timber workers to enter the nature tourism
5 business; and

6 (d) Providing training materials, decals recognizing master
7 wildlife guides, publications on wildlife tour best management
8 practices and code of ethics, information on wildlife management and
9 habitat management programs that produce increased populations of
10 watchable wildlife, and other publications promoting the wildlife
11 viewing industry.

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