# SENATE BILL REPORT
# SB 5250

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As of January 18, 2001

**Title:** An act relating to mountain goat population analysis.

**Brief Description:** Conducting a study to determine mountain goat populations.

**Sponsors:** Senators Stevens and Zarelli.

**Brief History:**
**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines:

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & SHORELINES

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**Background:** Mountain goats are found in higher elevation mountainous habitat in the Cascade and Olympic mountains. A number of mountain goat populations have experienced declines in recent years.

There is concern that some mountain goat populations are at critically low levels and that the Fish and Wildlife Department does not have sufficient funding to conduct a comprehensive population census or to assess the cause of the decline.

**Summary of Bill:** The sum of $500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purpose of conducting a study on mountain goat population size and the ecologic causes of the population decline.

**Appropriation:** $500,000 from the general fund.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 18, 2001.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.