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Sponsor(s): Senators Thibaudeau, Patterson, Fairley, Winsley, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Haugen, Prentice, Costa, Regala, Kline, Carlson and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Preventing private ownership of dangerous wild animals.

**SB 5729 - DIGEST**

Declares that it is unlawful for any person to own, possess, keep, harbor, bring, or have in one's possession a dangerous wild animal, except in compliance with this act.

It is unlawful for the owner or any other person in control of a lot, tract, or parcel of land or any residence or business premises situated thereon to knowingly permit any other person to be in possession of a dangerous wild animal upon the property, residence, or premises, except in compliance with this act.

Provides that all owners of a dangerous wild animal shall either: (1) Maintain liability insurance coverage with an insurer qualified under Title 48 RCW in the amount of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars insuring for bodily injury to or death of a person or injury and destruction to property caused by the dangerous wild animal; or

(2) must guarantee that the owner has a surety bond issued by a surety insurer qualified under chapter 48.28 RCW in a form acceptable to the animal control authority in the amount of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars.