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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Oke, T. Sheldon, Snyder, Hargrove and Rasmussen; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Brief Description: Modifying the powers and duties of fish and wildlife law enforcement officers.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that fish and wildlife officers who are not ex officio officers shall have and exercise, throughout the state, such police powers and duties as are vested in sheriffs and peace officers generally.

Requires all fish and wildlife officers employed after the effective date of this act to successfully complete the basic law enforcement academy course, known as the basic course, sponsored by the criminal justice training commission, or the basic law enforcement equivalency certification, known as the equivalency course, provided by the criminal justice training commission.

Declares that nothing in this act or RCW 10.93.020 confers membership to such officers in the Washington law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system under chapter 41.26 RCW.

Declares that authority granted under this act does not extend to quarters in a boat, building, or other property used exclusively as a private domicile, does not extend to transitory residences in which a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy, and does not allow search and seizure without a warrant if the thing or place is protected from search without warrant within the meaning of Article I, section 7 of the state Constitution.