
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6118

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senators Morton, Stevens, Deccio, Mulliken, Roach and Swecker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot program for cougar control; and creating
2 a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The fish and wildlife commission, in
5 cooperation and collaboration with the county legislative authorities
6 of Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Chelan, and Okanogan counties, shall
7 adopt rules to establish a three-year pilot program, beginning
8 September 2004, within select game management units of these counties,
9 to pursue or kill cougars with the aid of dogs. A pursuit season and
10 a kill season with the aid of dogs must be established through the fish
11 and wildlife commission's rule-making process, utilizing local
12 dangerous wildlife task teams comprised of the two collaborating
13 authorities. The two collaborating authorities shall also develop a
14 more effective and accurate dangerous wildlife reporting system to
15 ensure a timely response. The pilot program's primary goals are to
16 provide for public safety, to protect property, and to assess cougar
17 populations.

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