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Brief Description: Regulating the keeping of dangerous wild animals.

**HB 1151 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that possessors who currently possess dangerous wild animals will be permitted to keep the dangerous wild animal if they are in compliance with this act, but no new dangerous wild animal other than those possessed prior to the effective date of this act shall be brought into possession under authority of a personal possession permit in the state of Washington.

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

Requires a possessor of a dangerous wild animal to maintain liability insurance coverage in an amount of not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars for each occurrence for liability damages for destruction of or damage to property and death or bodily injury to a person caused by the dangerous wild animal. The possessor of a dangerous wild animal shall provide a copy of the policy for liability insurance to the animal control authority on an annual basis.

Provides that a city or county may adopt an ordinance governing dangerous wild animals that is more restrictive than this act.