

2394-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Newhouse, Linville, Clements, Schoesler, McMorris, Orcutt, Holmquist, Delvin, Hinkle and Grant)

Brief Description: Extending a wildlife crop damage reimbursement program.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/12/04)

Provides that, of the total funds available each fiscal year under this act and RCW 77.36.070 that are estimated by May 1st of each year to remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year, fifty percent shall be utilized as matching grants to enhance habitat for deer and elk on public lands prior to the expiration of the fiscal year.

Provides that, for damage to rangeland, the department must work with a local rangeland management expert assigned by Washington State University to examine and appraise the damage upon notice to the landowner. The rangeland management expert shall recommend an assessment of the damage to the department. However, that recommendation is not binding on the department.

Repeals 2001 c 274 s 5.