

5204-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senators Oke, Doumit, T. Sheldon, Jacobsen, Swecker, Kohl-Welles and Esser; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Brief Description: Providing opportunities for wildlife viewing.

**SB 5204-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that it is vital to support programs that enhance watchable wildlife activities and tourism, while also protecting the wildlife resources that attract the viewers. A revenue source must be created and directed to the watchable wildlife programs of the department of fish and wildlife to develop watchable wildlife opportunities in cooperation with other local, state, and federal agencies, and nongovernmental organizations.

Authorizes the department to sell watchable wildlife decals. Proceeds from the sale of the decal must be deposited into the state wildlife fund created in RCW 77.12.170 and must be dedicated to the support of the department's watchable wildlife activities. The department may also use proceeds from the sale of the decal for marketing the decal and for marketing watchable wildlife activities in the state.