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Sponsor(s): Senator Morton

Brief Description: Prohibiting the introduction of the gray wolf into Washington.

**SB 5740 - DIGEST**

Requires the commission to protect gray wolves and develop management programs on publicly owned lands that will encourage the natural regeneration of gray wolves in areas with suitable habitat. Gray wolves may not be transplanted, augmented, or introduced into the state. Only gray wolves that are native to Washington state may be utilized by the department for management programs.

Directs the department to fully participate in all discussions and negotiations with federal and state agencies relating to the management of gray wolves and shall fully communicate, support, and implement the policies of this act.