

6548-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water  
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Brief Description: Modifying the wildlife crop damage program.

**SB 6548-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the department and the person making the claim for rangeland damage to agree to grazing on department lands in lieu of or as part of the claim settlement.

Provides that, for the purposes of this act, assessments of rangeland damage shall be completed by a third party rangeland expert selected jointly by the department and the claimant. If the parties do not agree, the assessment will be conducted by rangeland experts selected by Washington State University. Any costs associated with such an assessment must be reimbursed by the department.