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By Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 9A.56.080 and 2003 c 53 s 74 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) Every person who, with intent to sell or exchange and to  
6 deprive or defraud the lawful owner thereof, willfully takes, leads, or  
7 transports away, conceals, withholds, slaughters, or otherwise  
8 appropriates any horse, mule, cow, heifer, bull, steer, swine, goat, or  
9 sheep is guilty of theft of livestock in the first degree.

10 (2) Theft of livestock in the first degree is a class B felony.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 4.24.320 and 2003 c 53 s 4 are each amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 Any person who suffers damages as a result of actions described in  
14 RCW 9A.48.080(c) or any owner of a horse, mule, cow, heifer, bull,  
15 steer, swine, goat, or sheep who suffers damages as a result of a  
16 willful, unauthorized act described in RCW 9A.56.080 or 9A.56.083 may  
17 bring an action against the person or persons committing the act in a  
18 court of competent jurisdiction for exemplary damages up to three times  
19 the actual damages sustained, plus attorney's fees."

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20 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "livestock;" strike the  
21 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 9A.56.080 and 4.24.320;

1 and prescribing penalties."

EFFECT: Restores deleted language concerning recovery of treble damages for damage to livestock.

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