
HOUSE BILL 1953

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a mechanism for counties to
2 participate in the cougar control pilot project created by the 2004
3 legislature; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A county legislative authority may request
6 inclusion in the cougar control pilot project authorized by chapter
7 264, Laws of 2004 after taking the following actions:

8 (1) Adopting a resolution that requests inclusion in the pilot
9 project;

10 (2) Documenting the need to participate in the pilot project by
11 identifying the number of cougar/human encounters and livestock and pet
12 depredations; and

13 (3) Demonstrating that existing cougar depredation permits, public
14 safety cougar hunts, or other existing wildlife management tools have
15 not been sufficient to deal with cougar incidents in the county.

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