
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5818

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2005 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation
(originally sponsored by Senators Doumit and Jacobsen)

READ FIRST TIME 03/07/05.

1 AN ACT Relating to natural resources' agencies' law enforcement
2 programs; and adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The department of natural resources and department of fish and
7 wildlife shall, not later than December 31, 2005, present a transition
8 plan for consolidating the natural resource investigators of the
9 department of natural resources with the law enforcement program of the
10 department of fish and wildlife to the appropriate policy and fiscal
11 committees of the senate and house of representatives. The transition
12 plan must include:

13 (1) A review of the law enforcement authorities and functions
14 affected by the transfer;

15 (2) Procedures for integrating the department of natural resources'
16 natural resource investigators into the department of fish and
17 wildlife's law enforcement program;

18 (3) Procedures for integrating affected department of natural

1 resources' employees and full-time equivalent positions into the
2 department of fish and wildlife;

3 (4) Methods to ensure that the department of natural resources'
4 employees shall maintain their bargaining unit and existing
5 representation;

6 (5) Identification of training necessary to integrate affected
7 department of natural resources' employees into the department of fish
8 and wildlife;

9 (6) Recommendations for any funding necessary to carry out this
10 section;

11 (7) Recommendations for any additional legislation necessary to
12 carry out this section; and

13 (8) Recommendations for ensuring at least the same level of
14 enforcement presence on state trust lands as provided through the
15 department of natural resources' current enforcement program.

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