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By Senators Haugen and Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to hunting; and adding a new section to chapter
2 77.36 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 77.36 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any county composed entirely of islands, any of which are
7 connected with the mainland by state highway, may, after the effective
8 date of this section, allow hunting on county-owned lands that contain
9 a trail system constructed or maintained for purposes of outdoor
10 recreation or on county-owned waterfront property surrounded on all
11 sides by homes only where:

12 (a) The county sheriff's office is provided with the resources
13 necessary to secure the safety of all persons and property on and
14 around such county-owned lands available for hunting;

15 (b) The board of county commissioners holds, at least annually, a
16 public hearing on the issue of hunting on such county-owned lands; and

17 (c) Notice of the dates and specific county-owned lands on which
18 hunting will be allowed is given by publication in a newspaper of

1 general circulation in the county at least one week prior to, and
2 weekly during, the use of such lands for hunting.

3 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a county
4 composed entirely of islands, any of which are connected with the
5 mainland by state highway, may not, after the effective date of this
6 section, allow hunting on county-owned lands that contain a trail
7 system constructed or maintained for purposes of outdoor recreation or
8 on county-owned waterfront property surrounded on all sides by homes
9 where the county sheriff makes a written finding that the sheriff's
10 office has not been provided with the resources necessary to secure the
11 safety of all persons and property on and around such county-owned
12 lands available for hunting and provides copies of such a written
13 finding to the county clerk and the county commissioners.

14 (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), and (2) of this
15 section, a county composed entirely of islands, any of which are
16 connected with the mainland by state highway, may allow hunting on
17 county-owned lands that contain a trail system constructed or
18 maintained for purposes of outdoor recreation or on county-owned
19 waterfront property surrounded on all sides by homes in coordination
20 with a special hunt authorized by the department under RCW 77.12.150,
21 upon a written finding by both the department and the county that a
22 game animal population poses a danger to persons, property, or habitat
23 within the county and after providing notice pursuant to subsection
24 (1)(c) of this section.

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