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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the amount of money available to the
2 department of fish and wildlife to pay claims under RCW 77.36.040
3 without requiring the legislature to declare an emergency; and amending
4 RCW 77.36.070 and 77.36.080.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.36.070 and 1996 c 54 s 8 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The department may pay no more than one hundred (~~twenty~~) fifty
9 thousand dollars per fiscal year from the state wildlife (~~fund~~)
10 account created in RCW 77.12.170 for claims under RCW 77.36.040 and for
11 assessment costs and compromise of claims. Such money shall be used to
12 pay animal damage claims only if the claim meets the conditions of RCW
13 77.36.040 and the damage occurred in a place where the opportunity to
14 hunt was not restricted or prohibited by a county, municipality, or
15 other public entity during the season prior to the occurrence of the
16 damage.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.36.080 and 1996 c 54 s 9 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 (1) The department may pay no more than (~~thirty~~) one hundred
2 fifty thousand dollars per fiscal year from the general fund for claims
3 under RCW 77.36.040 and for assessment costs and compromise of claims
4 unless the legislature declares an emergency. Such money shall be used
5 to pay animal damage claims only if the claim meets the conditions of
6 RCW 77.36.040 and the damage occurred in a place where the opportunity
7 to hunt was restricted or prohibited by a county, municipality, or
8 other public entity during the season prior to the occurrence of the
9 damage.

10 (2) The legislature may declare an emergency, defined for the
11 purposes of this section as any happening arising from weather, other
12 natural conditions, or fire that causes unusually great damage to
13 commercially raised agricultural or horticultural crops by deer or elk.
14 In an emergency, the department may pay as much as may be subsequently
15 appropriated, in addition to the funds authorized under subsection (1)
16 of this section, for claims under RCW 77.36.040 and for assessment and
17 compromise of claims. Such money shall be used to pay animal damage
18 claims only if the claim meets the conditions of RCW 77.36.040 and the
19 department has expended all funds authorized under RCW 77.36.070 or
20 subsection (1) of this section.

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