

## HB 1889 - DIGEST

Finds that the wild horse coordinated resource management plan in Kittitas county was developed in 2006 by a group of diverse local citizens interested in coordinating the management of resources for the Skookumchuck and Whiskey Dick wildlife areas, which encompasses approximately sixty-two thousand acres in eastern Kittitas county. The diverse planning process brought together ranchers, local landowners, a large energy company, the department of natural resources, the department of fish and wildlife, several environmental groups, and the federal government to collaboratively plan to improve the management in the wild horse coordinated resource management plan area.

Finds that coordinated management is of the utmost importance due to the fragmented ownership pattern and varied management regimes of the past. Coordinated management of the area will allow for the enhancement of wildlife habitat, the rehabilitation of natural springs, the development of water resources, and an improvement in domestic livestock opportunities due to a better distribution of forage plants growing in the area.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred forty-five thousand two hundred sixty-four dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of fish and wildlife for the purposes of this act.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred forty-five thousand two hundred sixty-four dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the department of fish and wildlife for the purposes of this act.