
SENATE BILL 6083

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By Senators Swecker, Becker, and Sheldon

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing assistance to landowners complying
2 with regulations associated with protection of the Mazama pocket
3 gopher; adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW; and creating a new
4 section.

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

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

8 (1) Upon request, the department shall conduct biological surveys,
9 provide assistance with habitat or other management plans, and provide
10 relevant information and other technical assistance to a person seeking
11 such assistance in order to comply with the requirements of local
12 critical area ordinances under RCW 36.70A.060(2) that relate to the
13 protection of the Mazama pocket gopher (*Thomomys mazama*) or its
14 habitat.

15 (2) Cities and counties may only apply those provisions of critical
16 area ordinances under RCW 36.70A.060(2) to protect the Mazama pocket
17 gopher where the department provides assistance upon request as
18 provided under subsection (1) of this section.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of fish and wildlife shall
2 provide assistance as provided in section 1 of this act within existing
3 resources.

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