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By Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the 2 following:
- 3 "Sec. 1. RCW 77.12.203 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 999 are each 4 amended to read as follows:
 - (1) Except as provided in subsection (((5))) of this section, the state treasurer must, on behalf of the department notwithstanding RCW 84.36.010 or other statutes to the contrary, ((the director shall pay)) distribute by April 30th of each year on game lands, regardless of acreage, in each county, if requested by an election under RCW 77.12.201, an amount in lieu of real property taxes equal to that amount paid on similar parcels of open space land taxable under chapter 84.34 RCW or the greater of seventy cents per acre per year or the amount paid in 1984 plus an additional amount for control of noxious weeds equal to that which would be paid if such lands were privately owned. This amount ((shall)) may not be assessed or paid on department buildings, structures, facilities, game farms, fish hatcheries, water access sites, tidelands, or public fishing areas ((of less than one hundred acres)).
 - (2) The department must provide all relevant information to the state treasurer for each county receiving an amount in lieu of real property taxes including but not limited to the amount of acres eligible, the open space rate to be applied, and the additional amount for control of noxious weeds.
 - (3) "Game lands," as used in this section and RCW 77.12.201, means those tracts ((one hundred acres or larger)), regardless of acreage, owned in fee by the department and used for wildlife habitat and public recreational purposes. All lands purchased for wildlife habitat, public access or recreation purposes with federal funds in the Snake River drainage basin ((shall be)) are considered game lands regardless of acreage.

 $((\frac{3}{3}))$ $\underline{(4)}$ This section $(\frac{3}{3})$ $\underline{(3)}$ does not apply to lands 2 transferred after April 23, 1990, to the department from other state 3 agencies.

 $((\frac{4}{}))$ <u>(5)</u> The county $((\frac{1}{}))$ <u>must</u> distribute the amount received under this section in lieu of real property taxes to all property taxing districts except the state in appropriate tax code areas the same way it would distribute local property taxes from private property. The county $((\frac{1}{1}))$ <u>must</u> distribute the amount received under this section for weed control to the appropriate weed district.

 $((\frac{5}{1}))$ (6) For the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 fiscal biennia, the director $(\frac{5}{1})$ must pay by April 30th of each year on game lands in each county, if requested by an election under RCW 77.12.201, an amount in lieu of real property taxes and $(\frac{5}{1})$ must be distributed as follows:

16	County
17	Adams
18	Asotin
19	Chelan
20	Columbia
21	Ferry
22	Garfield
23	Grant
24	Kittitas
25	Klickitat
26	Lincoln
27	Okanogan
28	Pend Oreille
29	Yakima

These amounts ((shall)) may not be assessed or paid on department buildings, structures, facilities, game farms, fish hatcheries, water access sites, tidelands, or public fishing areas ((of less than one hundred acres)).

34 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2015."

<u>EFFECT:</u> Clarifies that the State Treasurer is responsible for distributing payments made in lieu of property taxes (PILT) after the 2013-2015 fiscal biennia, and that the Department of Fish and Wildlife must submit all relevant PILT information to the State Treasurer for each county receiving PILT.

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