

SSB 6446 - H COMM AMD

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:

5 (1) Except as provided in subsection (~~(5)~~) (6) of this section,  
6 the state treasurer must, on behalf of the department and  
7 notwithstanding RCW 84.36.010 or other statutes to the contrary, (~~the~~  
8 director shall pay) distribute by April 30th of each year on game  
9 lands, regardless of acreage, in each county, if requested by an  
10 election under RCW 77.12.201, an amount in lieu of real property taxes  
11 equal to that amount paid on similar parcels of open space land taxable  
12 under chapter 84.34 RCW or the greater of seventy cents per acre per  
13 year or the amount paid in 1984 plus an additional amount for control  
14 of noxious weeds equal to that which would be paid if such lands were  
15 privately owned. This amount (~~shall~~) may not be assessed or paid on  
16 department buildings, structures, facilities, game farms, fish  
17 hatcheries, water access sites, tidelands, or public fishing areas (~~of~~  
18 ~~less than one hundred acres~~)).

19 (2) The department must provide all relevant information to the  
20 state treasurer for each county receiving an amount in lieu of real  
21 property taxes including but not limited to the amount of acres  
22 eligible, the open space rate to be applied, and the additional amount  
23 for control of noxious weeds.

24 (3) "Game lands," as used in this section and RCW 77.12.201, means  
25 those tracts (~~one hundred acres or larger~~), regardless of acreage,  
26 owned in fee by the department and used for wildlife habitat and public  
27 recreational purposes. All lands purchased for wildlife habitat,  
28 public access or recreation purposes with federal funds in the Snake  
29 River drainage basin (~~shall be~~) are considered game lands regardless  
30 of acreage.



1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: 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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