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By House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Sawyer, McCoy, Hunt, Appleton, Santos, Lias, Riccelli, Dunshee, Stanford, Ormsby, and Pollet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to hunting-related enforcement actions involving
2 tribal members; and adding a new section to chapter 77.15 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.15 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Upon presentation of a tribal identification card by a member
7 of a federally recognized tribe to a fish and wildlife officer or ex
8 officio fish and wildlife officer, the officer must immediately refer
9 any inspection, investigation, or other enforcement action related to
10 the hunting activity of the tribal member to the enforcement authority
11 of the tribe, if the activity occurred on any open and unclaimed lands
12 where the tribe has a treaty or other federally recognized right to
13 hunt.

14 (2) The requirements under subsection (1) of this section do not
15 abrogate or otherwise affect the terms of any intergovernmental, mutual
16 law enforcement assistance, or other cooperative agreement entered into
17 by the member's tribe and the department or local law enforcement
18 agency.

1 (3) To maximize efficiency and mutual benefit in hunting
2 enforcement, cooperative management and mutual law enforcement
3 assistance agreements agreed to by tribes and the department or local
4 law enforcement agency are hereby considered legally binding, and
5 encouraged, on open and unclaimed lands where a tribe has a treaty or
6 other federally recognized right to hunt.

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