

**SB 6287-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife, in cooperation and collaboration with the county legislative authorities of Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Chelan, Okanogan, and Klickitat counties, to recommend rules to establish a five-year pilot program within select game management units of these counties, to pursue or kill cougars with the aid of dogs.

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to authorize five seasons in which cougars may be pursued or killed with dogs, subject to the other conditions of the pilot program.

Authorizes a county legislative authority to request inclusion in the pilot project.

Expires July 1, 2019.