
SENATE BILL 6450

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By Senator Pearson

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1 AN ACT Relating to wildlife damage claim assessment costs; and
2 amending RCW 77.36.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.36.120 and 2009 c 333 s 57 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The department shall establish:

7 (1) The form of affidavits or proof required to accompany all
8 claims under this chapter;

9 (2) The process, time, and methods used to identify and assess
10 damage, including the anticipated timeline for the initiation and
11 conclusion of department action;

12 (3) How claims will be prioritized when available funds for
13 reimbursement are limited;

14 (4) Timelines after the discovery of damage by which an owner
15 must file a claim or notify the department;

16 (5) Protocols for an owner to follow if the owner wishes to
17 undertake activities that would complicate the determination of
18 damages, such as harvesting damaged crops;

19 (6) The process for determining damage assessments, including the
20 role and selection of professional damage assessors ~~((and))~~. The

1 department has the responsibility ((for)) to pay the full cost of
2 reimbursing third-party assessors for their services;
3 (7) Timelines for a claimant to accept, reject, or appeal a
4 determination made by the department;
5 (8) The identification of instances when an owner would be
6 ineligible for compensation;
7 (9) An appeals process for an owner eligible for compensation
8 under RCW 77.36.100 who is denied a claim or feels the compensation
9 is insufficient; and
10 (10) Other policies necessary for administering this chapter.

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