

SSB 5696 - S AMD 401
By Senator Warnick

NOT CONSIDERED 12/23/2019

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 77.12.201 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 983 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 The legislative authority of a county may elect, by giving
6 written notice to the director and the treasurer prior to January 1st
7 of any year, to obtain for the following year an amount in lieu of
8 real property taxes on game lands as provided in RCW 77.12.203. Upon
9 the election, the county shall keep a record of all fines,
10 forfeitures, reimbursements, and costs assessed and collected, in
11 whole or in part, under this title for violations of law or rules
12 adopted pursuant to this title(~~(, with the exception of the 2015-2017~~
13 ~~and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia,~~) and shall monthly remit an amount
14 equal to the amount collected to the state treasurer for deposit in
15 the state general fund. The election shall continue until the
16 department is notified differently prior to January 1st of any year.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.12.203 and 2018 c 299 s 913 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) (~~Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section and~~
20 ~~notwithstanding RCW 84.36.010 or other statutes to the contrary, the~~
21 ~~director must pay by April 30th of each year on game lands,~~
22 ~~regardless of acreage, in each county, if requested by an election~~
23 ~~under RCW 77.12.201, an amount in lieu of real property taxes equal~~
24 ~~to that amount paid on similar parcels of open space land taxable~~
25 ~~under chapter 84.34 RCW or the greater of seventy cents per acre per~~
26 ~~year or the amount paid in 1984 plus)) The state treasurer, on behalf
27 of the department, must distribute to counties for eligible game
28 lands, if requested by an election under RCW 77.12.201, an amount in
29 lieu of real property taxes equal to that amount paid on similar
30 parcels of open space land taxable under chapter 84.34 RCW or the
31 greater of seventy cents per acre per year or the amount paid in~~

1 1984. The director must pay an additional amount for control of
2 noxious weeds equal to that which would be paid if such lands were
3 privately owned. (~~This amount may not be assessed or paid on~~
4 ~~department buildings, structures, facilities, game farms, fish~~
5 ~~hatcheries, water access sites, tidelands, or public fishing areas.~~)

6 (2) "Game lands," as used in this section and RCW 77.12.201,
7 means those tracts, regardless of acreage, owned in fee by the
8 department and used for wildlife habitat and public recreational
9 purposes. All lands purchased for wildlife habitat, public access, or
10 recreation purposes with federal funds in the Snake River drainage
11 basin are considered game lands regardless of acreage.

12 (3) This section does not apply to lands transferred after April
13 23, 1990, to the department from other state agencies.

14 (4) The county must distribute the amount received under this
15 section in lieu of real property taxes to all property taxing
16 districts except the state in appropriate tax code areas the same way
17 it would distribute local property taxes from private property. The
18 county must distribute the amount received under this section for
19 weed control to the appropriate weed district.

20 (5) For the (~~2013-2015~~) 2019-2021 and (~~2015-2017~~) 2021-2023
21 fiscal biennia, the (~~director~~) state treasurer, on behalf of the
22 department, must pay by April 30th of each year on game lands in each
23 county, if requested by an election under RCW 77.12.201, an amount in
24 lieu of real property taxes and must be distributed as follows:

25 **County**

| | | |
|----|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 26 | Adams..... | ((1,909)) <u>2,634</u> |
| 27 | Asotin..... | ((36,123)) <u>51,261</u> |
| 28 | Chelan..... | ((24,757)) <u>47,276</u> |
| 29 | Columbia..... | ((7,795)) <u>20,713</u> |
| 30 | Ferry..... | ((6,781)) <u>22,798</u> |
| 31 | Garfield..... | ((4,840)) <u>12,744</u> |
| 32 | Grant..... | ((37,443)) <u>149,612</u> |
| 33 | Kittitas..... | ((143,974)) <u>601,690</u> |
| 34 | Klickitat..... | ((21,906)) <u>139,164</u> |
| 35 | Lincoln..... | ((13,535)) <u>13,640</u> |
| 36 | Okanogan..... | ((151,402)) <u>546,534</u> |

1 Pend Oreille..... ((3,309)) 11,368

2 Yakima..... ((126,225)) 377,210

3 These amounts may not be assessed or paid on department buildings,
4 structures, facilities, game farms, fish hatcheries, water access
5 sites, tidelands, or public fishing areas.

6 ~~((6) For the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, the director must pay by~~
7 ~~April 30th of each year on game lands in each county, if requested by~~
8 ~~an election under RCW 77.12.201, an amount in lieu of real property~~
9 ~~taxes and must be distributed as follows:~~

| 10 | County | |
|----|-------------------|---------|
| 11 | Adams..... | 1,909 |
| 12 | Asotin..... | 36,123 |
| 13 | Chelan..... | 39,858 |
| 14 | Columbia..... | 20,713 |
| 15 | Ferry..... | 22,798 |
| 16 | Garfield..... | 12,744 |
| 17 | Grant..... | 71,930 |
| 18 | Kittitas..... | 382,638 |
| 19 | Klickitat..... | 51,019 |
| 20 | Lincoln..... | 13,535 |
| 21 | Okanogan..... | 264,036 |
| 22 | Pend Oreille..... | 5,546 |
| 23 | Yakima..... | 186,056 |

24 ~~These amounts may not be assessed or paid on department buildings,~~
25 ~~structures, facilities, game farms, fish hatcheries, water access~~
26 ~~sites, tidelands, or public fishing areas.))~~

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
29 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
30 effect July 1, 2019."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "taxes;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 77.12.201 and
3 77.12.203; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Modifies the statutory amounts distributed to counties that have elected to receive WDFW PILT payments for the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia. Removes the new formula for calculating WDFW PILT payments. Removes the provisions phasing in PILT payments under the new formula for current counties and counties not currently receiving PILT. Retains the requirement that if a county elects to receive PILT, it must remit amounts collected from fish and wildlife violations to the state.

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