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By Senators Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, Oke and Patterson

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1 AN ACT Relating to wildlife conservation awards; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 77.12 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 77.12
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The wildlife conservationist award program is created in
7 the department. The purpose of the program is to recognize
8 individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward
9 conserving Washington's diverse plant and animal populations.

10 (2) The program consists of two annual awards as follows:

11 (a) The Art Kruckeberg award shall be presented to an
12 individual making outstanding contributions toward conserving the
13 state's plants and plant communities; and

14 (b) The Hazel Wolf award shall be presented to an individual
15 making outstanding contributions toward conserving the state's
16 animals and animal communities.

17 (3) The recipient of each award is entitled to select a
18 nonprofit wildlife conservation organization to receive a sum of

1 up to twenty-five thousand dollars from the state. The organization
2 must be qualified as a tax-exempt organization under section
3 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code (26 U.S.C. Sec.
4 501(c)(3)), and must agree to commit the sum to the organization's
5 wildlife conservation activities in Washington.

6 (4) The department must develop guidelines for selecting award
7 recipients and incorporate into the program elements that provide
8 for public recognition of the contributions made by the
9 recipients. The department may create an advisory committee to
10 assist the department in developing the guidelines and in
11 selecting recipients.

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