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## SENATE BILL 6029

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By Senators Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Spanel and Regala

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1 AN ACT Relating to the protection of elk; and adding a new section 2 to chapter 77.36 RCW.

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

4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.36 RCW 5 to read as follows:

If a master planned resort, as defined in RCW 36.70A.360, is developed in an area that is defined by the department by rule as critical elk habitat or elk migratory corridor habitat, then the master planned resort may not recover any damages or make any claim for elkcaused damage under this chapter or RCW 77.12.240.

By January 1, 2002, the department must adopt rules that identify elk migratory corridors and critical elk habitat, including calving grounds and winter feeding grounds. The rules must give consideration to the overall health and population of designated elk herds.

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