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By Senators Morton, Rasmussen, Roach, Hewitt, Long, Swecker, Stevens, Parlette, McCaslin, Hochstatter, Hale, Honeyford, Sheahan, Rossi and Johnson

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

6 The department must develop procedures to compensate livestock 7 owners for damage to livestock caused by wildlife. Compensation must 8 be based on the fair market value of the livestock at slaughter. For 9 the purposes of this section, "livestock" has the same meaning as 10 defined RCW 16.36.005.

11 Nothing in this section may be construed to grant the department 12 rule-making authority.

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