

SB 5319.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/22/06)

Finds that a professionally managed and regulated trapping program is not only vital to the health of Washington's wildlife populations, but is also consistent with the state's obligations to manage all natural resources in trust for the common good of all citizens.

Finds that it is in the interest of all of the citizens of Washington to ensure that all trapping is done in accordance with sound scientific wildlife management principles using humane methods as set forth in this act.

Declares an intent to implement a sound furbearer management program, administered using sound science by the department of fish and wildlife, that addresses an animal problem as defined in RCW 77.08.010.

Declares that it is the policy of the state of Washington to minimize the use of indiscriminate or painful traps and to use all traps humanely. When lethal trapping methods are used, such methods must be used in the most humane way that accomplishes the goal of reducing animal problems. All trappers in the state should use all practicable means necessary to avoid the capture of a nontargeted animal.

Repeals RCW 77.15.192.