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1 AN ACT Relating to preparing for the epidemiological consequences  
2 of diseases related to wolf populations; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 70.54 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) With the assistance of the department of fish and wildlife and  
8 the state veterinarian, the department of health shall develop and  
9 implement a program to detect, interdict, and assess the  
10 epidemiological consequences of diseases that may afflict or may be  
11 carried by wolves and the actual and potential impact of wolves' role  
12 in such diseases upon human health in the state.

13 (2) The program required by this section must include:

14 (a) The compilation of a list of those infectious organisms that  
15 may infect, afflict, or be carried by wolves, including but not limited  
16 to:

17 (i) Rabies;

18 (ii) Brucellosis (*Brucella canis*);

19 (iii) Hydatid disease (*Echinococcus granulosus, multiocularis*);

1 (iv) Plague (*Yersinia pestis*);  
2 (v) Contagious protozoans (*Neospora sp.*, *Toxocara sp.*, *Sarcocystis*  
3 *sp.*);  
4 (vi) Mange (*Sarcoptes sp.*, *Demodex sp.*, *Cheyletiella sp.*);  
5 (vii) Tularemia (*Francisella tularensis*); and  
6 (viii) Roundworms (*Toxocara sp.*);  
7 (b) The compilation of a subset of the list provided in (a) of this  
8 subsection of those infectious organisms that may infect or afflict  
9 humans;  
10 (c) The identification of high risk categories, vocations,  
11 occupations, or recreations of people who are more likely to have been  
12 exposed by wolves to any of the infectious organisms identified in (b)  
13 of this subsection;  
14 (d) The development of an outreach program to alert people  
15 identified in (c) of this subsection to their potential exposure to the  
16 diseases identified in (b) of this subsection;  
17 (e) The development of a testing and data collection program to  
18 test significant samples of people identified in (c) of this subsection  
19 for diseases identified in (b) of this subsection to determine the  
20 extent to which people of the state are exposed to dangerous diseases  
21 or disease organisms because of the presence of wolves in the state;  
22 (f) The development of public outreach programs to inform the  
23 general public and people identified in (c) of this subsection of the  
24 potential danger of diseases identified in (b) of this subsection, and  
25 what a person may do to avoid becoming infected or to access medical  
26 assessment of possible infection;  
27 (g) The development of an outreach program to the state medical  
28 community to inform practitioners of the potential for infection of  
29 people by organisms identified in (b) of this subsection, symptoms to  
30 watch for, methods of detection, methods of treatment, and reporting  
31 requirements;  
32 (h) The development of an outreach program to animal health  
33 practitioners and monitors in the state to inform them of the potential  
34 for infection of other animals, including livestock and pets, by  
35 organisms identified in (b) of this subsection, symptoms to watch for,  
36 methods of detection, methods of treatment, and reporting requirements;  
37 (i) The development of standardized reporting requirements for the

1 medical community and the animal health community to ensure that data  
2 about existence of infections of organisms identified in (b) of this  
3 subsection are centrally reported and tracked; and

4 (j) The reporting of accomplishments and conclusions to the  
5 legislature, in electronic form as required by RCW 43.01.036, and the  
6 public every six months.

7 (3) The department of health must implement this section using  
8 federal grant money or other sources of funding not supported by the  
9 state general fund.

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