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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting public agencies from providing
2 specific segments of the general public with access to land for the
3 purposes of hunting and fishing; adding a new section to chapter 77.12
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.17 RCW; adding a new section to
5 chapter 79A.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 79.10 RCW; adding
6 a new section to chapter 36.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
7 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and creating a
8 new section.

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

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 Unless otherwise specifically authorized in statute, no public
13 agency, as that term is defined in RCW 42.30.020, may provide only a
14 specified segment or segments of the general public with access to land
15 owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the public agency for the
16 purpose of hunting or fishing without providing the same access
17 opportunity to the general public. This section applies to rules or
18 regulations of the public agency, access contracts and agreements, and
19 all other forms of express or implied access permission.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Any public agency, as that term is defined
2 in RCW 42.30.020, that allows a specified segment or segments of the
3 general public to access land owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by
4 the public agency for the purpose of hunting or fishing as of the
5 effective date of this section must either suspend access permission to
6 the specified segment or segments or allow access to the general
7 public.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 Any department listed in RCW 43.17.010 shall comply with section 1
11 of this act when granting access for hunting or fishing to any land
12 owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the department.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.05 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The commission shall comply with section 1 of this act when
16 granting access for hunting or fishing to any land owned, leased, or
17 otherwise controlled by the commission for hunting or fishing access.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 79.10 RCW
19 under the subchapter heading "Multiple Use" to read as follows:

20 The department shall comply with section 1 of this act when
21 granting access for hunting or fishing to any land owned, leased, or
22 otherwise controlled by the department.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 A county shall comply with section 1 of this act when granting
26 access for hunting or fishing to any land owned, leased, or otherwise
27 controlled by the county.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 A city shall comply with section 1 of this act when granting access
31 for hunting or fishing to any land owned, leased, or otherwise
32 controlled by the city.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 A code city shall comply with section 1 of this act when granting
4 access for hunting or fishing to any land owned, leased, or otherwise
5 controlled by the code city.

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