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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2020 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Kretz, Chapman, Lekanoff, Walsh, Schmick, Blake, Dent, Chandler, Orcutt, Springer, Pettigrew, and Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to the use of radio collars on gray wolves by the department of fish and wildlife; and adding a new section to chapter 77.12 RCW.

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

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

The department shall prioritize the use of radio collars as a tool to monitor gray wolves and avoid conflicts with livestock. The department must radio collar at least two wolves in every pack in conflict. The department is encouraged, but not required, to radio collar at least one wolf in every pack in the state that has been confirmed by the department. When carrying out the provisions in this section, the department must use existing department-owned collars.

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