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HOUSE BILL 2352

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By Representative G. Cole

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1 AN ACT Relating to public ownership of wildlife; amending RCW  
2 77.12.040; adding a new section to chapter 77.16 RCW; and creating a  
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that wildlife  
6 is a public resource. It is the intent of the legislature to ensure  
7 that Washington's wildlife remains a public resource to be enjoyed  
8 equally by all.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.16 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11 Private landowners who charge a fee to hunters for access to their  
12 property shall not charge fees that vary based on whether a hunter was  
13 successful in bagging an animal. These landowners shall allow free

1 ingress and egress of wildlife, except the egress of game farm wildlife  
2 as defined in RCW 77.32.211.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 77.12.040 and 1987 c 506 s 15 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The commission shall adopt, amend, or repeal, and enforce  
6 reasonable rules prohibiting or governing the time, place, and manner  
7 of taking or possessing game animals, game birds, or game fish. The  
8 commission may specify the quantities, species, sex, and size of game  
9 animals, game birds, or game fish that may be taken or possessed. The  
10 commission shall regulate the taking, sale, possession, and  
11 distribution of wildlife and deleterious exotic wildlife. The director  
12 may adopt emergency rules under RCW 77.12.150. Rules adopted under  
13 this section governing the time, place, and manner of taking or  
14 possessing game animals, game birds, or game fish shall not apply  
15 uniquely to private property.

16 The commission may establish by rule game reserves and closed areas  
17 where hunting for wild animals or wild birds may be prohibited and  
18 closed waters where fishing for game fish may be prohibited.