ESSB 5048 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2540.1/17) 333 By Representative Koster

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1 On page 137, after line 10, insert the following: 2 "(14) Within amounts provided in this section, the department must 3 consult with affected tribes and landowners in Skagit county to 4 develop and implement a plan designed to address elk-related 5 agricultural damage and vehicular collisions by using all available 6 and appropriate methods including, but not limited to, cooperative 7 fencing projects and harvest in order to minimize elk numbers on 8 private lands and maximize the number of elk located on state and 9 federal lands. The plan must be implemented by September 1, 2018."

<u>EFFECT:</u> Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to consult with affected tribes and landowners in Skagit County to develop and implement a plan to address elk-related agricultural damage and vehicular collisions.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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