

SHB 2276 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The department must provide notice and hold a public hearing  
6 prior to department personnel relocating or introducing any wolves,  
7 coyotes, lynx, bobcats, and animals defined as big game in RCW  
8 77.08.030, where the action is intended for population enhancement.

9 (2)(a) The notice of the public hearing must be made at least  
10 thirty days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice must state  
11 the public hearing date, time, and location, and provide a brief  
12 explanation of the department's proposed action. The brief  
13 explanation must include the species of wildlife, the estimated  
14 number of animals, the general location where the wildlife will be  
15 released, and the potential range the wildlife is likely to roam.

16 (b) A press release of the notice of the public hearing must be  
17 sent to media outlets providing news services to the communities that  
18 are likely to be impacted by the wildlife's presence. The notice of  
19 the public hearing must be posted on the department's web site, and  
20 if possible, posted on a local government or community web site near  
21 where the wildlife will be relocated or introduced; and be provided  
22 in writing to the town, city, or county legislative members and the  
23 mayor or county executive of any location that is likely to be  
24 impacted by the presence of the wildlife.

25 (3) The public hearing must be open to the public and held within  
26 the community most likely to be impacted by the presence of the  
27 relocated or introduced wildlife. The presiding official or  
28 department personnel must present information explaining the  
29 department's proposed actions and related management of the wildlife  
30 in sufficient detail to provide an understanding of the reasons for  
31 the proposed movement and potential impacts of the action in or near

1 the community. The hearing must be conducted by the presiding  
2 official to afford interested persons the opportunity to present  
3 comments. Written or electronic submissions will also be accepted and  
4 included in the department's hearing record."

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5 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "location;" strike the  
6 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to  
7 chapter 77.12 RCW."

EFFECT: Specifies that the notice and public hearing requirements  
apply to actions intended for population enhancement, but not  
maintenance.

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