

HB 2771-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/18)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Immediately initiate the state environmental policy act process in order to use translocation as a method to provide relief to residents living in areas where multiple packs of wolves range;

(2) Initiate translocation of wolves, consistent with the findings from the state environmental policy act analysis, to regions with fewer wolves; and

(3) Use best available science to determine which locations are unoccupied by wolves to become recipient sites and verify that potential recipient sites contain stable prey populations.

Prohibits the department from translocating wolves that are known to depredate livestock or show signs of being habituated to livestock or the presence of humans.

Requires the translocation process to be expedited by all state agencies involved in the process.