

2 **ESHB 1309** - S AMD TO NAT COMM AMD (S-3062.1/93)

3 By Senators Barr and Hargrove

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5 On page 1, line 21 of the amendment, after "heritage" insert "from
6 a number of causes including urban and rural subdivisions, shopping
7 centers, industrial park, and other land use activities.

8 The legislature finds that the maintenance and restoration of
9 Washington's rangelands and shrub-steppe vegetation is vital to the
10 long-term benefit of the people of the state. The legislature finds
11 that approximately one-fourth of the state is open range or open-
12 canopied grazable woodland. The legislature finds that these lands
13 provide forage for livestock, habitat and forage for wildlife, and
14 innumerable recreational opportunities including hunting, hiking, and
15 fishing.

16 The legislature finds that the development of coordinated resource
17 management plans, that take into consideration the needs of wildlife,
18 fish, livestock, timber production, water quality protection, and
19 rangeland conservation on all state-owned grazing lands will improve
20 the stewardship of these lands and allow for the increased development
21 and maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat and other multipurpose
22 benefits the public derives from these lands.

23 The legislature finds that the state currently provides
24 insufficient technical support for coordinated resource management
25 plans to be developed for all state-owned lands and for many of the
26 private lands desiring to develop such plans. As a consequence of this
27 lack of technical assistance, our state grazing lands, including fish
28 and wildlife habitat and other resources provided by these lands, are
29 not achieving their potential. The legislature also finds that with
30 many state lands being intermixed with private grazing lands,
31 development of coordinated resource management plans on state-owned and
32 managed lands provides an opportunity to improve the management and
33 enhance the conditions of adjacent private lands.

34 A purpose of this act is to establish state grazing lands as the
35 model in the state for the development and implementation of
36 coordinated resource management plans and to assure the timely
37 development of coordinated resource management plans to cover all

1 state-owned grazing lands. Every lessee of state lands who is desirous
2 of participating in the development and implementation of a coordinated
3 resource management plan shall have the opportunity to do so"

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