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SENATE BILL 6330

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By Senators Jacobsen, Swecker and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to nonconsumptive wildlife activities; and amending  
2 RCW 79.01.244 and 79.68.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.01.244 and 1979 ex.s. c 109 s 9 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 All state lands hereafter leased for grazing or agricultural  
7 purposes shall be open and available to the public for purposes of  
8 hunting and fishing, and for nonconsumptive wildlife activities, as  
9 defined by the department of fish and wildlife by rule, unless closed  
10 to public entry because of fire hazard or unless the department of  
11 natural resources gives prior written approval and the area is lawfully  
12 posted by lessee to prohibit hunting and fishing, and nonconsumptive  
13 wildlife activities, as defined by the department of fish and wildlife  
14 by rule, thereon in order to prevent damage to crops or other land  
15 cover, to improvements on the land, to livestock, to the lessee, or to  
16 the general public, or closure is necessary to avoid undue interference  
17 with carrying forward a departmental or agency program. In the event  
18 any such lands are so posted it shall be unlawful for any person to  
19 hunt or fish, or pursue nonconsumptive wildlife activities, as defined

1 by the department of fish and wildlife by rule, on any such posted  
2 lands.

3 The department of natural resources shall insert the provisions of  
4 this section in all grazing and agricultural leases hereafter issued.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79.68.050 and 1971 ex.s. c 234 s 5 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Multiple uses additional to and compatible with those basic  
8 activities necessary to fulfill the financial obligations of trust  
9 management may include but are not limited to:

- 10 (1) Recreational areas;
- 11 (2) Recreational trails for both vehicular and nonvehicular uses;
- 12 (3) Special educational or scientific studies;
- 13 (4) Experimental programs by the various public agencies;
- 14 (5) Special events;
- 15 (6) Hunting and fishing and other sports activities;
- 16 (7) Nonconsumptive wildlife activities as defined by the board of  
17 natural resources;

18 (8) Maintenance of scenic areas;

19 ~~((+8))~~ (9) Maintenance of historical sites;

20 ~~((+9))~~ (10) Municipal or other public watershed protection;

21 ~~((+10))~~ (11) Greenbelt areas;

22 ~~((+11))~~ (12) Public rights of way;

23 ~~((+12))~~ (13) Other uses or activities by public agencies;

24 If such additional uses are not compatible with the financial  
25 obligations in the management of trust land they may be permitted only  
26 if there is compensation from such uses satisfying the financial  
27 obligations.

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