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1 On page 1, line 18, after "outbreaks of" insert "improperly
2 managed burrowing mammals that threaten forest regeneration and"

3 On page 2, line 8, after "species;" insert "maximizing
4 landowner investments in reforestation after a harvest;"

5 On page 4, line 28, strike "and"

6 On page 4, line 34, after "agents" insert "; and
7 (d) Coordinate with the department of fish and wildlife to
8 provide forest landowners with technical information relating to
9 the management of burrowing mammals that have the potential to
10 damage newly planted trees or otherwise threaten the future health
11 of a forest by hampering reforestation efforts"

12 On page 22, after line 32, insert the following:

13 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. A new section is added to chapter
14 77.12 RCW to read as follows:

15 The legislature finds that, although the department of natural
16 resources has the lead role in managing forest health under chapter
17 76.06 RCW, the department of fish and wildlife should play an
18 active role and assist in forest health efforts that involve or
19 address wildlife species. The legislature further finds that
20 reforestation is an important aspect in the health of the next
21 generation of the state's forests, and that reforestation efforts
22 can be hampered by uncontrolled populations of burrowing mammals
23 that damage the root system and woody stems of newly planted
24 seedlings.

25 **Sec. 15.** RCW 77.15.192 and 2001 c 1 s 2 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout RCW 77.15.194
2 through 77.15.198.

3 (1) "Animal" means any nonhuman vertebrate.

4 (2) "Body-gripping trap" means a trap that grips an animal's
5 body or body part. Body-gripping trap includes, but is not limited
6 to, steel-jawed leghold traps, padded-jaw leghold traps, Conibear
7 traps, neck snares, and nonstrangling foot snares. (~~Cage and box~~
8 ~~traps, suitcase-type live beaver traps, and common rat and mouse~~
9 ~~traps are not considered body-gripping traps~~) The term "body-
10 gripping trap" does not include cage and box traps, suitcase type
11 live beaver traps, common traps used to capture rats and mice, and
12 traps commonly used to capture the following burrowing mammals:
13 mountain beavers, moles, and gophers.

14 (3) "Person" means a human being and, where appropriate, a
15 public or private corporation, an unincorporated association, a
16 partnership, a government, or a governmental instrumentality.

17 (4) "Raw fur" means a pelt that has not been processed for
18 purposes of retail sale.

19 (5) "Animal problem" means any animal that threatens or damages
20 timber or private property or threatens or injures livestock or any
21 other domestic animal."

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23 Renumber the sections consecutively, correct any internal
24 references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds intent language referencing the threats to forest health caused by burrowing mammals, encourages the Department of Fish and Wildlife to work with the Department of Natural Resources to help manage threats to forest health caused by burrowing mammals, and exempts common traps used to capture certain burrowing mammals from the definition of "body-gripping traps".