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HOUSE BILL 3194

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By Representatives Blake, Morrell, and VanDeWege

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1            AN ACT Relating to a master hunter program; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 77.32 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The legislature intends to establish a master hunter program to  
7 encourage and enhance hunter/landowner relations. The master hunter  
8 program's purpose is to assist the department in effectively managing  
9 wildlife in areas and at times when both a high ethical standard and a  
10 demonstrated skill level are needed for resource protection and public  
11 safety. Individuals certified by the department to participate in the  
12 master hunter program may assist the department and private landowners  
13 with issues such as wildlife conservation, habitat protection, and  
14 wildlife damage.

15            (2) The commission shall adopt rules for the administration of the  
16 master hunter program in order to avoid potential fraud and abuse. No  
17 person may qualify for the master hunter program under this section  
18 without first undergoing a criminal background check.

1           (3) Persons who meet and maintain the master hunter program  
2 requirements may participate in special hunts or animal removals under  
3 chapters 77.12 and 77.36 RCW.

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