

SB 5130-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, to fund the management of recreational access and habitat enhancement agreements as authorized in RCW 77.12.320, a surcharge is applied as follows: (1) Five dollars for residents and twenty-five dollars for nonresidents, for all big game licenses;

(2) Five dollars for residents and twenty-five dollars for nonresidents, for all small game licenses not purchased with a big game license;

(3) Five dollars for the three-day nonresident small game license.

Requires all revenue derived from this surcharge to be deposited in the state wildlife account and must be used only for the management and implementation of wildlife recreational access and habitat enhancement agreements authorized in RCW 77.12.320. Administrative costs charged to this program may not exceed ten percent of annual expenditures.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to develop legislative options to increase access for nonconsumptive users to department-owned and leased lands. The options must include a discussion of the cost of providing/acquiring access for this class of user and an equitable fee structure or other user-based revenue stream to support the additional access, if necessary. The department of fish and wildlife shall submit the legislative options to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature by November 1, 2007.