

SHB 2376 - H AMD 857

By Representative Haler

NOT ADOPTED 02/25/2016

1 On page 153, line 17, increase the general fund--state
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2016 by \$1,036,000

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4 On page 153, line 19, increase the general fund--state
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2017 by \$1,037,000

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7 On page 154, line 15, correct the total.

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9 On page 156, after line 27, insert the following:

10 "(17) \$1,036,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
11 fiscal year 2016 and \$1,037,000 of the general fund--state
12 appropriation for fiscal year 2017 are provided solely for payments in
13 lieu of property taxes under RCW 77.12.203."

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15 On page 297, after line 13, insert the following:

16 **"Sec. 920.** RCW 77.12.203 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 s 1 are each
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section and
19 notwithstanding RCW 84.36.010 or other statutes to the contrary, the
20 director must pay by April 30th of each year on game lands, regardless
21 of acreage, in each county, if requested by an election under RCW
22 77.12.201, an amount in lieu of real property taxes equal to that
23 amount paid on similar parcels of open space land taxable under
24 chapter 84.34 RCW or the greater of seventy cents per acre per year or
25 the amount paid in 1984 plus an additional amount for control of
26 noxious weeds equal to that which would be paid if such lands were
27 privately owned. This amount may not be assessed or paid on department

1 buildings, structures, facilities, game farms, fish hatcheries, water
2 access sites, tidelands, or public fishing areas.

3 (2) "Game lands," as used in this section and RCW 77.12.201, means
4 those tracts, regardless of acreage, owned in fee by the department
5 and used for wildlife habitat and public recreational purposes. All
6 lands purchased for wildlife habitat, public access, or recreation
7 purposes with federal funds in the Snake River drainage basin are
8 considered game lands regardless of acreage.

9 (3) This section does not apply to lands transferred after April
10 23, 1990, to the department from other state agencies.

11 (4) The county must distribute the amount received under this
12 section in lieu of real property taxes to all property taxing
13 districts except the state in appropriate tax code areas the same way
14 it would distribute local property taxes from private property. The
15 county must distribute the amount received under this section for weed
16 control to the appropriate weed district.

17 (5) For the 2013-2015 (~~and 2015-2017 fiscal biennia~~) fiscal
18 biennium, the director must pay by April 30th of each year on game
19 lands in each county, if requested by an election under RCW 77.12.201,
20 an amount in lieu of real property taxes and must be distributed as
21 follows:

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Adams. . . .1,909
Asotin. . . .36,123
Chelan. . . .24,757
Columbia. . . .7,795
Ferry. . . .6,781
Garfield. . . .4,840
Grant. . . .37,443
Kittitas. . . .143,974
Klickitat. . . .21,906
Lincoln. . . .13,535
Okanogan. . . .151,402
Pend Oreille. . . .3,309

