
HOUSE BILL 2771

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1 AN ACT Relating to wolf management using translocation; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 77.36 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 77.36
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The wolf conservation and management plan of 2011 identifies
7 translocation of wolves as a method to facilitate the state's ability
8 to attain recovery goals while addressing conflicts. The department
9 is directed to use translocation immediately as a method to address
10 conflicts. The department must initiate translocation of wolves to
11 regions with fewer wolves to reduce conflicts in areas where there
12 have been known wildlife interactions that resulted in injury to
13 livestock or dogs.

14 (2) When the department translocates wolves to one of the other
15 regions within the wolf conservation and management plan, the
16 translocation process must be expedited by all state agencies
17 involved in the process. The translocation process may not exceed a
18 three-year period from start to completion.

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