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By House Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Chapman, Lekanoff, Walsh, Schmick, Blake, Dent, Chandler, Orcutt, Springer, Pettigrew, and Shewmake)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the use of radio collars on gray wolves by the
- 2 department of fish and wildlife; and adding a new section to chapter
- 3 77.12 RCW.

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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 6 RCW to read as follows:
 - Until gray wolves are not listed as endangered, threatened, or sensitive under state law, the department shall prioritize the use of radio collars as a tool to monitor gray wolves and reduce conflicts with livestack. The department shall prioritize efforts to sallar
- 10 with livestock. The department shall prioritize efforts to collar
- 11 gray wolves within packs with known depredations of livestock at any
- 12 point during the previous three years. The department must make
- 13 multiple attempts each year to collar one or more wolves within each
- 14 pack with known depredations of livestock in addition to placing
- 15 collars in other packs.

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