## HOUSE BILL 2906

State of Washington 66th Legislature 2020 Regular Session

By Representatives Kretz, Chapman, Lekanoff, Walsh, Schmick, Blake, Dent, Chandler, Orcutt, Springer, Pettigrew, and Shewmake

Read first time 01/30/20. Referred to Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources.

- 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.
- 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:
- 7 The department shall prioritize the use of radio collars as a 8 tool to monitor gray wolves and avoid conflicts with livestock. The
- 9 department must radio collar at least two wolves in every pack in
- 10 conflict. The department is encouraged, but not required, to radio
- 11 collar at least one wolf in every pack in the state that has been
- 12 confirmed by the department. When carrying out the provisions in this
- 13 section, the department must use existing department-owned collars.

--- END ---

p. 1 HB 2906