

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5343

As of January 22, 2025

Title: An act relating to the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account.

Brief Description: Concerning the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account.

Sponsors: Senators Short, Chapman, Dozier and Krishnadasan.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Agriculture & Natural Resources: 1/27/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Expands the uses of the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Account for wolf-livestock management and for grants to the sheriffs' offices of Stevens and Ferry counties to aid the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in the management of wolves.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

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Background: Funds from the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Management Grant Program may be used to deploy nonlethal wolf deterrence resources in any Washington county east of the crest of the Cascade Mountains that shares a border with Canada. All receipts, any legislative appropriations, private donations, or any other private or public source directed to the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Management Grant Program must be deposited into the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Management Account (account).

Current law provides that expenditures from the account may be used for the deployment of nonlethal wolf deterrence resources. Current law also provides that in the 2021-23 and 2023-25 fiscal biennia, expenditures from the account may be used for wolf-livestock

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management and for grants to the sheriffs' offices of Stevens and Ferry counties for providing a local wildlife specialist to aid the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in the management of wolves.

Summary of Bill: Expenditures from the account may be used for wolf-livestock management and grants to the sheriffs' offices of Stevens and Ferry counties for providing a local wildlife specialist to aid WDFW in the management of wolves.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 21, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.