
SENATE BILL 5343

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By Senators Short, Chapman, Dozier, and Krishnadasan

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1 AN ACT Relating to the northeast Washington wolf-livestock
2 management account; and amending RCW 16.76.030.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.76.030 and 2023 c 475 s 920 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account is
7 created as a nonappropriated account in the custody of the state
8 treasurer. All receipts, any legislative appropriations, private
9 donations, or any other private or public source directed to the
10 northeast Washington wolf-livestock management grant must be
11 deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used
12 ~~((only for the))~~ for: (a) The deployment of nonlethal wolf deterrence
13 resources as described in RCW 16.76.020; (b) wolf-livestock
14 management; and (c) grants to the sheriffs' offices of Stevens and
15 Ferry counties for providing a local wildlife specialist to aid the
16 department of fish and wildlife in the management of wolves. Only the
17 director may authorize expenditures from the account in consultation
18 with the advisory board created in RCW 16.76.020. The account is
19 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
20 appropriation is not required for expenditures. Interest earned by
21 deposits in the account must be retained in the account.

1 (2) The advisory board created in RCW 16.76.020 may solicit and
2 receive gifts and grants from public and private sources for the
3 purposes of RCW 16.76.020.

4 (~~(3) During the 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 fiscal biennia,~~
5 ~~expenditures from the account may be used for wolf-livestock~~
6 ~~management as well as for grants to the sheriffs' offices of Stevens~~
7 ~~and Ferry counties for providing a local wildlife specialist to aid~~
8 ~~the department of fish and wildlife in the management of wolves.))~~

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