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1 AN ACT Relating to payments to counties in lieu of property taxes
2 on state-owned land; amending RCW 77.12.203; and repealing RCW
3 77.12.201.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.12.203 and 2012 2nd sp.s. c 7 s 924 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) (~~Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section~~) The
8 state treasurer must, on behalf of the department and notwithstanding
9 RCW 84.36.010 or other statutes to the contrary, (~~the director shall~~)
10 pay by April 30th of each year on game lands in each county(~~, if~~
11 ~~requested by an election under RCW 77.12.201,~~) an amount in lieu of
12 real property taxes equal to that amount paid on similar parcels of
13 open space land taxable under chapter 84.34 RCW (~~or the greater of~~
14 ~~seventy cents per acre per year or the amount paid in 1984~~) except
15 taxes levied for any state purpose, plus an additional amount for
16 control of noxious weeds equal to that which would be paid if such
17 lands were privately owned. This amount shall not be assessed or paid
18 on department buildings, structures, facilities, game farms, fish

1 hatcheries, tidelands, or public fishing areas of less than one hundred
2 acres.

3 (2) "Game lands," as used in this section (~~and RCW 77.12.201~~),
4 means those tracts one hundred acres or larger owned in fee by the
5 department and used for wildlife habitat and public recreational
6 purposes. All lands purchased for wildlife habitat, public access or
7 recreation purposes with federal funds in the Snake River drainage
8 basin shall be considered game lands regardless of acreage.

9 (3) This section shall not apply to lands transferred after April
10 23, 1990, to the department from other state agencies.

11 (4) The county shall distribute the amount received under this
12 section in lieu of real property taxes to all property taxing districts
13 except the state in appropriate tax code areas the same way it would
14 distribute local property taxes from private property. The county
15 shall distribute the amount received under this section for weed
16 control to the appropriate weed district.

17 (~~(5) For the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium, the director shall pay by~~
18 ~~April 30th of each year on game lands in each county, if requested by~~
19 ~~an election under RCW 77.12.201, an amount in lieu of real property~~
20 ~~taxes and shall be distributed as follows:~~

21	County	
22		
23	Adams.....	1,909
24	Asotin.....	36,123
25	Chelan.....	24,757
26	Columbia.....	7,795
27	Ferry.....	6,781
28	Garfield.....	4,840
29	Grant.....	37,443
30	Grays Harbor.....	7,264
31	Kittitas.....	143,974
32	Klickitat.....	21,906
33	Lincoln.....	13,535
34	Okanogan.....	151,402
35	Pend Oreille.....	3,309
36	Yakima.....	126,225

1 ~~These amounts shall not be assessed or paid on department buildings,~~
2 ~~structures, facilities, game farms, fish hatcheries, tidelands, or~~
3 ~~public fishing areas of less than one hundred acres.)~~)

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.12.201 (Counties may elect to receive
5 an amount in lieu of taxes--County to record collections for violations
6 of law or rules--Deposit) and 2012 2nd sp.s. c 7 s 923, 2009 c 479 s
7 63, & 1987 c 506 s 29 are each repealed.

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