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Sponsor(s): Senators Jacobsen, Winsley and Kohl-Welles

Brief Description: Promoting wildlife viewing.

**SB 5011 - DIGEST**

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Directs the department to manage wildlife programs in a manner that provides for public opportunities to view wildlife and supports wildlife viewing tourism without impairing the state's wildlife resources.

Directs the departments of fish and wildlife and community, trade, and economic development to host a working conference on promoting wildlife viewing tourism. The objective of the conference shall be to adopt a strategic plan and specific implementing actions to promote wildlife viewing tourism in Washington in a manner that both provides sustainable economic development in the state's rural areas and supports maintaining the state's wildlife diversity.

Requires the departments to schedule the conference at a time sufficient to prepare a summary of the conference proceedings and proposals for legislative funding to be submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 15, 2003.