

ESHB 1151 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Judiciary

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A joint select committee on
4 regulation of private ownership of exotic wild animals is established.
5 The joint select committee shall consist of the following members:

6 (i) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,
7 appointed by the president of the senate;

8 (ii) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house
9 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
10 representatives.

11 (b) The four appointed members shall involve interested parties as
12 appropriate.

13 (2) The committee shall conduct a study concerning the regulation
14 of the private ownership of exotic wild animals. The study shall
15 include, but not be limited to:

16 (a) Identifying animals that may be considered dangerous as pets
17 and the criteria used to identify an animal as one that may be
18 considered dangerous as a pet;

19 (b) Identifying the potential harm an exotic wild animal may cause
20 if privately owned, and how the risk of such harm may affect an owner's
21 ability to qualify for and receive insurance;

22 (c) Identifying whether the private ownership of exotic wild
23 animals should be regulated or banned, and how a state law regulating
24 or banning the private ownership of exotic wild animals may affect
25 other state and local laws regulating or banning the private ownership
26 of such animals;

27 (d) Identifying laws in other states that regulate or ban the
28 private ownership of exotic wild animals, and whether such laws have
29 been effective in reducing the injuries or damages that can be caused
30 by the private ownership of exotic wild animals; and

1 (e) Identifying the ways in which local jurisdictions and public
2 agencies may act to protect the public against possible health and
3 safety threats of owning exotic wild animals.

4 (3)(a) The committee shall use legislative facilities, and staff
5 support shall be provided by senate committee services and the house of
6 representatives office of program research.

7 (b) Legislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for
8 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

9 (4) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to
10 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by
11 November 15, 2006.

12 (5) This section expires July 1, 2007."

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13 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "animals;" strike the
14 remainder of the title and insert "creating a new section; and
15 providing an expiration date."

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