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**SENATE BILL 5620**

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**State of Washington**

**66th Legislature**

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**By** Senator Wagoner

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a pilot project to test elk  
2 fencing; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of fish and wildlife must  
5 conduct a pilot project to test "New Zealand design" elk fencing,  
6 including materials and construction techniques, and determine the  
7 cost and effectiveness of the fence design in reducing damage to  
8 private property and agricultural lands within the range of the north  
9 Cascades elk herd. The department of fish and wildlife shall work  
10 with at least two agricultural property owners in Skagit county with  
11 property abutting state highway 20 from highly impacted areas that  
12 volunteer to build and test the elk fence design and, in compliance  
13 with RCW 43.01.036, report back to the natural resources committees  
14 of the legislature by November 1, 2020, on the results of the pilot  
15 project.

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